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## Yanks Trap And Crush Nazi Armies; Okinawa Is Invaded

WASHINGTON.—Great advances in the Reich and the invasion of Okinawa Island mark this week as one of the most successful in American military history.

On two globe-separated fronts American fighting men have brought eventual victory much nearer. In the Pacific they are rapping on Ja-

### Nazis To Keep Up Guerilla Warfare Says Eisenhower

WASHINGTON.—General Eisenhower on Thursday notified the White House he does not expect Germany to make a clean-cut surrender; that the Nazis will wage a ferocious guerilla warfare and that many troops would be required for an indefinite period to battle this fanaticism.

pan's back door. In Germany they have won such great victories as to make Germany's continued resistance seem impossible.

The landings on Okinawa give America the key to Japan's defenses. Even Tokyo admits that the loss of the island will seriously hamper her war effort. The Allies know that it brings Japan proper, the China Coast and Korea within easy striking distance.

In the battle for Germany the Allied armies are setting and springing trap after trap, designed to crush the German armies, instead of rushing across the Reich.

On Sunday the 1st and 9th Yank

### Ruhr Troops Ripe To Wipe Out, Says Ike

LONDON.—General Eisenhower this week told his troops in a special order of the day that German soldiers sealed in the Ruhr pocket are "ripe for annihilation" and then broadcast an appeal to town dwellers in western Germany to stop working.

Simultaneously, the 12th Army Group broadcast a warning to the trapped troops to surrender or be wiped out.

"There is no hope for you," the broadcast said. "You must know that this is no longer war. . . . Further fighting would be unsoldier-like. Honest soldiers do not resort to murder and suicide. . . . Follow the orders of surrender issued by General Eisenhower. Those who follow his orders will live. Others will not."

General Eisenhower's message exhorted German townfolk to cease work, take refuge, keep clear of factories, highways and railroads, shun enlistment in the People's Army and obey Allied Military Government units when they arrive.

### Army Casualties Are Now 798,383

WASHINGTON.—Army casualties reported by the War Department Thursday totaled 798,383 and included:

Killed	156,471
Wounded	486,929
Missing	88,755
Prisoners	66,228

armies completed the encirclement of the Ruhr, the Reich's last remaining main industrial area, trapping at least 110,000 Nazi troops.

British and Canadian armies, working north, are closing another trap on 90,000 Germans in West Holland. The British have driven into Osnabrueck, important industrial center. The Canadian drive will seal off The Hague, Amsterdam, Haarlem and Rotterdam.

Attempts by the Nazis to break out of the Ruhr pocket in the Winterburg area were thrown back by units of the 1st and 9th armies.

General Patton's 3rd Army has

continued its spectacular advance, and is now three-fourths of the way across the waist of Central Germany. At Gotha, on Wednesday, it was 140 miles west of Berlin, within 65 miles of the Czechoslovakian border, and within 150 miles of the Russian armies in the South.

Units of the 7th Army, after outflanking Karlsruhe, are advancing on Neuenberg. The 7th in its advance through and around the Ruhr, has taken the cities of Mannheim, Essen, with the great Krupp war manufacturing plants; Ham, Dortmund and Dusseldorf.

The 9th Army, operating north-

(See YANKS TRAP, Page 20)

## Manpower Bill Is Killed By Senate

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt suffered his third consecutive defeat in the new Congress this week when the Senate voted, 46 to 29, to kill the strong manpower conference bill which would have empowered the Administration to freeze civilian workers and exercise a strict control over all manpower.

Both the "death blow" and the "last straw" which sent the Administration-sponsored bill down to resounding defeat were administered by James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization Director.

The manpower bill seemed fairly certain of passage last week-end until Byrnes filed his second quarterly report with the President, advocating a continuance of the manpower controls in the reconversion period after the war. Asserting that it had been planned only as a war measure some members of the Senate who previously favored the bill swung to the opposition.

Byrnes Resignation Hurt

The "last straw" came when Byrnes resigned and prompted Senate comment that it was a poor time to freeze other workers when the Director of War Mobilization could quit his job.

The manpower measure was backed strongly by the President, the Army and the Navy, but was opposed just as vigorously by labor and industry. It squeaked through the House of Representatives a week ago by a vote of 167 to 160

after a stormy period during which it was a "work-or-fight" bill, a "work-or-jail" bill, a "weak" bill and a "strong" bill.

Slim Chance Remains

After the bill had been defeated in the Senate Tuesday, the chamber approved a motion by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) to seek a new conference of Senate and House members in an attempt to win House approval of the original "voluntary" Senate bill. This offered only a slim chance that any form of manpower legislation will be passed.

It was the third time in recent weeks that Congress had ignored (See MANPOWER, Page 20)

## 80 Nominated By FDR For Additional Stars

WASHINGTON.—Nominations were sent to the United States Senate Monday by President Roosevelt that would advance three major generals of the Air Force to lieutenant generals; 22 Army brigadier generals to major generals and 55 Army colonels to brigadier generals.

The three nominees for lieutenant generals are Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, now commander of the 9th Air Force in Europe; Maj. Gen.

## Discharges Up To Commanders

WASHINGTON.—The final say in determining how many points a soldier will need to qualify for discharge under the Army's point system for partial demobilization after V-E Day will rest with theater commanders in each theater of war, but a high point rating will not always assure a man of release from service.

The minimum number of points to qualify for discharge will be set on the basis of how many men have earned a large number of points and how many a small number. If the demands in the Pacific are large, as expected, and the majority of the men have a large number of points, the minimum point-rating figure will be set high.

Under the Army's point system ratings will be based on dependent children, length of service, time of service overseas and number of combat medals. The relative value of each has not yet been announced by the War Department.

Uncertainty Remains

Even after the rating value of each factor has been announced individual soldiers will not know how they stand until the theater commander has been advised how many men and of what type are needed to continue the war against Japan. He will then set the rating figure and men whose Army careers have earned them enough points to be above that figure will be classified for discharge—unless they are specialists or key men who cannot be replaced.

Soldiers who are not specialists and are eligible for discharge, may not be discharged if immediate unit replacements are not available.

1 Out of 23 Eligible

Meanwhile, unless the war picture changes or the Army amends its plans some officials feel that not more than one out of every 23 soldiers will be in line for discharge on V-E Day. Due to the uncertainty of conditions both in Germany and Japan the entire problem of partial demobilization remains in the "ifly" stage.

A War Department spokesman said this week that a six months' interlude probably will elapse between the time a soldier, not eligible for discharge, fires his last shot

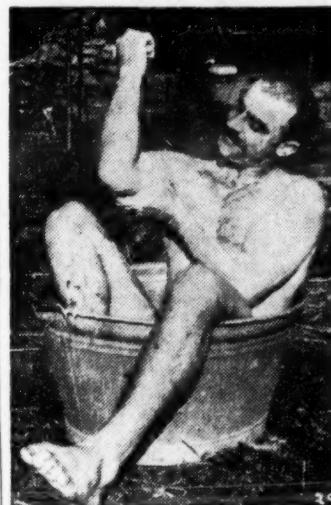
on the European front and his first shot in the Pacific war.

He stressed that before any soldier leaves his present theater of war he will know his status and therefore will know whether he is coming home to be discharged or merely to rest and train for continuing the fight in the Pacific. He said the War Department will reorganize all ground force units before selections are made for the Pacific theater and that each unit will be surveyed to see which men have the highest rating for discharge.

The spokesman cited this specific case to clarify the point system problem:

Replacements Necessary

Assume that in a unit of 100 men, 10 had high enough ratings for discharge. Replacements would have to be found for those men. If only five replacements could be found, five men would be tagged for discharge and the other five might go with the unit to the Pacific. However, as soon as replacements (See DISCHARGES, Page 20)



—Signal Corps Photo

TAKING SPRING BATH in a tub he found in a German pillbox in Germany is Cpl. Carmen Pedalino, of Belleville, N. J., a Field Artilleryman of the 76th Division, Third Army.

### Patton Outpaces His Air Support

LONDON.—The rampaging army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton is keeping even the Allied Air Force on the jump.

Airmen here tell of assembling in a briefing room for details of a mission in support of Patton's fast-moving columns. Before the briefing was completed a staff officer entered the room.

"The mission is scrubbed (cancelled), gentlemen," he said. "Patton's troops have reached our objective."

### 500 Combat Days

WITH THE 7TH ARMY.—

The 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion had an anniversary March 15. Somebody looked at a calendar, did some figuring and discovered that it marked the 500th day of combat for the veteran outfit.

Those 500 days have seen the 776th roll from the Kasserine Valley to the German border—by way of such places as Maknassy, Hill 350, Salerno, Cassino, Rome, Florence, Sarrebourg, Schallbach, Weisslingen and finally the borderland.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.



—Signal Corps Photo

FRENCH FARMER keeps on with his plowing while Pvt. George M. Amos, of Central City, Ky., and Pvt. Lambert C. Owens, of Greenville, S. C., Signal Corpsmen of the Third Army, are busy making a wire splice.

To Be Major Generals  
The 22 brigadier generals nominated to be major generals are: Clift Andrus, Fort Leavenworth; Charles B. Stone, III, San Francisco; Isaac D. White, Petersburg (See PROMOTIONS, Page 20)



## Total Deaths Up To March Above Those Of Civil War

WASHINGTON.—With the total deaths of battle for both Army and Navy reaching 189,541 since Pearl Harbor, the war has now taken more lives than the Civil War, previously the most costly in American history.

The Army announced this week deaths totalling 153,791 up to the beginning of March. Navy deaths total 35,750.

The number listed as killed or fatally wounded in the Union and

Confederate Armies and the Union Navy during the Civil War was 186,771. The number of Confederate Navy dead is not available, but is believed not to exceed the losses of the Union Navy.

The Civil War lasted four years, while the figures for fatalities given this week for the present war cover only three years and three months. It is expected that the total will be still higher when those included in the category of missing are accounted for.

In the 18 months of United States participation in the First World War the total Army and Navy fatalities were 53,559, of which 50,510 were in the Army.

### Ward With Record

STARK GENERAL HOSPITAL, S. C.—There's a ward here that holds what it thinks is some kind of a record. Lying side by side on seven of its beds last week were seven officer patients just returned from overseas. They could boast of 100 months overseas and 27 combat medals.

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## Both GI and GI Radio Prove Their Durability

WITH THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Pfc. Edwin M. Kemp, of Brule, Wis., and the 22nd Infantry Regiment, is living proof of the durability of GIs and GI equipment.

He was operating a radio for a mortar observer when a German artillery shell blew him, also his radio, out the window. Both fell three stories, but Kemp brushed the dirt off the radio and calmly returned to work in the upstairs window.

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# Byrnes, Resigning, Cites Need To Clarify Veterans' Job Rights

WASHINGTON.—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes resigned his job this week but before doing so he cited for President Roosevelt the need for further clarification of the re-employment rights of veterans of World War II for the reconversion period.

Byrnes' resignation as War Mobilization Director was accepted by the President just two days after his second quarterly report listing the clarification of veterans' re-employment rights as one of the major needs was made public here. Coming at the time it did, the resignation was a surprise to official Washington.

The President immediately sent the nomination of Federal Loan Administrator Fred M. Vinson to the Senate as Byrnes' successor.

### Home Front Cheer

The War Mobilizer's quarterly report brought the news to the home-front that the brownout and curfew will be lifted after V-E Day; that there may be a small increase in

the present basic gasoline ration; but warned that the country will not "eat as well" this year and that there will be no immediate relief in either truck or passenger car transportation.

Byrnes said production controls must be released as promptly as possible, but that price control will be retained after Germany is defeated. WPB control of materials will be relaxed; Lend-Lease will decline rapidly; but manpower controls will be continued in all tight labor areas.

### Congress May Act

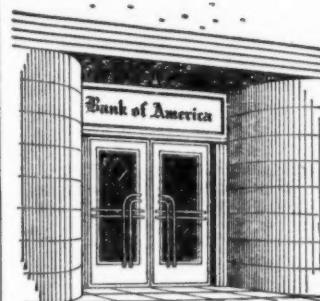
The clarification of re-employment rights of veterans cited as a major need currently is causing considerable concern within labor organizations and it is expected that some attempt will be made in Congress to define and regulate the "super seniority" given veterans in existing veterans' legislation.

The outgoing War Mobilizer said new controls needed include: a tax structure designed to help business;

additional manpower controls for production of war and civilian goods; statutory power for the War Labor Board to make its decisions enforceable; and establishment of a single department of national defense to become effective when Japan is defeated.



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## Col. Miller Succeeds Gen. Arnold As Chief Chaplain

WASHINGTON.—The War Department announced this week that Maj. Gen. William R. Arnold, Army Chief of Chaplains, has been given an important overseas inspection assignment and will be succeeded in office by Col. Luther D. Miller, veteran of 33 months of service in the Southwest Pacific.

General Arnold is a Catholic and has served as Chief of Chaplains longer than any other appointee. Colonel Miller is an Episcopalian.

The War Department said General Arnold will leave shortly on new duties as assistant inspector general. He will inspect all matters relating to the Chaplain Corps, in which he has served continuously for nearly 32 years. His original appointment expired on January 8, 1942, but he was reappointed for an additional four years.

### Nomination Held Up

Colonel Miller will take over as Acting Chief of Chaplains immediately, but his nomination as Chief will await General Arnold's formal retirement from office in June when he reaches the age of 64.

Men who served with Colonel Miller in Australia, New Guinea and in the Philippines, where he landed with the 6th Army, describe him as a "soldier's chaplain." He mingled with the men and has tramped through many a jungle to care for the wounded in isolated hospitals.

Colonel Miller was born in Leesburg, Pa., and was graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1917 with a bachelor of divinity

degree. He entered the Army in 1918 and subsequently was accepted in the Regular Army and graduated from the chaplains' school, Fort Knox, Ky., in 1922.

From 1925 to 1928 he was at Tientsin, China, as chaplain at the American barracks, and later was at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Hawaii and Fort Sam Houston, Tex. In 1942 he was transferred to Columbia, S. C., as chaplain of the 1st Army Corps, and he went overseas with that force in September, 1942.

## New 'XYZ' Highway Speeds Supplies To 4 American Armies

PARIS.—A new truck highway system known as "XYZ" Highway has been opened by the Transportation Corps to speed supplies to four American armies striking into Germany.

The highway, which was opened March 24, carried 9000 tons of freight on a one-day turn-around basis, plus 3000 tons of bulk petrol oil and lubricant on March 31 and thereafter a figure that betters the daily average of the famed Red Ball highway that operated during the sweep across France last summer. The daily average for the Red Ball was 2100 tons.

The new system uses five-ton to six-ton truck tractors hauling trailers with a ten-ton capacity.



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# Army Infantry Training Program To Be Stepped Up After V-E Day

WASHINGTON.—The importance of training infantry replacements will not diminish after V-E Day, but on the contrary will be emphasized, in the opinion of Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces.

Plans are going into operation to step up the Army's training program and intensify the training of foot soldiers for the final drive against Japan.

When V-E Day comes the United States must route additional replacements to the Far East; train others to fill the ranks of divisions which will be thinned by partial demobilization, and prepare still other replacements as reserves against the casualties that will come.

The Army Ground Forces will have the dual job of increasing replacement training and reorganizing and retraining some of the divisions that are fighting in Europe.

General Marshall believes that our system of keeping a flow of trained replacements headed for the battlefronts to fill the gaps in the ranks of battle-weary or decimated divisions has been a definite contribution to our victories in Europe. Our ground force training has been a brilliant success, but battle teaches the men new lessons which save lives and shorten combat.

General Stilwell is making a survey of infantry replacement centers. Since his appointment in January to head the ground forces he has trav-

eled nearly 40,000 miles by air visiting all but one of the 15 IRTC's and many of the other training centers and schools. He plans to shift what he describes as "two-fisted" combat-experienced commanders into training posts and stress the doctrine of "learn by doing."

## Both Theaters Short

General Marshall asserts that the Pacific front always has been short of replacements, and even General Eisenhower has been short about 6000 men a month. While the Army's current draft quota is 100,000 men monthly only 80,000 have been going into the ranks as combat infantrymen and the manpower supply has not been able to keep up with the casualty and sick lists.

Despite criticism of the 17-week

training program, Generals Marshall and Stilwell are high in their praise of the product turned out.

"The training is fast, but it is unbelievably intensive and the replacement comes out knowing his job," General Marshall says. "Furthermore, when he goes into combat, he goes in with veteran troops. If he doesn't keep his head down as he should, they tell him in no uncertain terms what to do; they give him the finishing touches needed to make him an experienced soldier."

General Stilwell says:

"Our soldiers today are better trained, more intelligent and better men physically than the 1917-18 product. I'd lead these boys against any army in the world."

## Legion Magazine Starts Vets' Preferences Survey

NEW YORK.—The American Legion magazine has pledged its facilities to find out how the tastes of servicemen have been changed since their civilian days.

At a meeting sponsored by the magazine here, 30 advertising and marketing officials decided to set up the plan to find out the plans, preferences and pet peeves of veterans and to pass on the results to advertising agencies, manufacturers and government agencies.

Some of the questions to be cov-

ered in the surveys will be: Will it be difficult to get veterans into old behavior patterns and will some products suffer more than others?

Will veterans exert strong influence on the views of their immediate families? Will new habits, products or services introduced into Army life make the veteran continue to want these things in civil life? Will there be changes in food preferences as a result of regional preferences having been broken down?

Among the industries suggested as subjects for the surveys are foods, insurance, aviation, drugs, clothing, tobacco and liquor.

## Meritorious Plaques For Burma Builders

KUNMING, China.—The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded to the Burma Road Engineers and five attached units, it was announced here by Col. Robert F. Seedlock, BRE commanding officer.

The special citation was awarded to Construction, Topographical, Maintenance, Medical and Headquarters units for their work on the Tengchung Cutoff of the Stilwell Highway.

## Patton Praises Third Army For Recent Effort

WITH THE U. S. 3RD ARMY, in Germany.—"The highest honor I ever attained was that of having my name coupled with yours in these great events," Lt. Gen. George S. Patton said in a general order issued a week ago to the 3rd Army and the 19th Tactical Air Command.

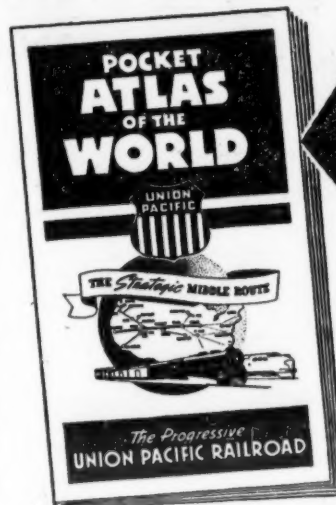
"You captured 140,112 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded another additional 99,000," the order, which covered the period between Jan. 29 and March 22, said. "History records no greater achievement in so limited a time."

The order noted that in that period the 3rd Army had taken 6484 square miles of enemy territory and had captured 3672 cities, towns and villages.



—Signal Corps Photo

CHINESE MECHANICS may have set a new style for GIs returning from the war with this Army jeep. It is the first two-door jeep sedan used by the Chinese Services of Supply at Kunming, China, in driving in monsoon season and above clouds in mountainous and stormy country. Three may sit in the front seat, Army says five is a load for any jeep.



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## A Great Stride Forward!

Allied forces advancing on every front has given America the win habit. With but few reversals in the past year's record most Americans have assumed a take-it-for-granted attitude. The reaction is understandable. With American forces racing across the Reich with such speed as to make maps out of date between editions it is extremely difficult to give more significance to one battle than another.

For this reason the landings on Okinawa were taken for granted—just another island-to-island hop in the Pacific. Actually, Okinawa isn't just another island, it is the key to the entire offensive against Japan. Even the Japanese admit that. According to Tokyo, the entire strategy of the Pacific hangs on this island. If it is lost Tokyo admits that the Japs can go but one way—backward.

Okinawa gives us the perfect base from which we can conduct a war against all four of our eventual objectives—Formosa, China coast, Japan proper and Korea. The Jap home island of Kyushu is but 325 miles away and the China coast 400.

The island is large enough for adequate bases. Surface fleets, submarines, supply and troop ships can harbor there. Even medium bombers can operate from its airfields.

In view of its importance to Japan it is surprising how little resistance met our great force. The Japs may choose to fight from some previously selected positions, but they already have lost the island. Our great force has a toe-hold, and with virtual control of the seas the force will be supplied. The step onto Okinawa was a great stride in shortening the war.

## Joe, Ambassador Of Good Will!

Post-war Britain will be studded with monuments in memory of GI Joe. The monuments won't be built of brass or carved of stone. They will be practical monuments—fancy modern kitchens, showers, bathtubs and handy gadgets in virtually every British home.

These monuments seem rather strange. But they are lasting and practical, honoring the many ambassadors of good will. It all came about because many homesick Joes talked about their homes. They bragged a bit about American houses and their conveniences. They described the little cottage just off Main Street for curious and interested British housewives.

Recent surveys indicate that the housewives absorbed the information. Their post-war plans reflect the influence of the boys, who came to dinner and talked while they dried dishes. In the not too distant future pa is going to buy ma those conveniences, or else.

Joe has proved to be quite an ambassador. He has left trinkets and gadgets on South Sea islands, habits of cleanliness in squalid Asia, plans for better homes in Europe. Many lands and peoples have benefited because he spread ideas and good will.

## Luftwaffe Is a Memory!

General Arnold's visit to General Eisenhower's headquarters has led many to believe that a portion of the American Air Forces will be sent from the European theater to the Pacific before V-E Day.

It may be possible. Heavy bombers have virtually completed their job. They have smashed German cities, destroyed communication and transportation systems and wreaked havoc on the Nazi military machine. Shorter-range planes have been able to take over as German defenses crumble.

Allied air power has blasted the vaunted Luftwaffe out of the skies. There are a few German planes still flying, but when two Allied planes can tackle 90 German planes and come away unscratched with five victims, and four can jump 60, knocking down seven, even the Germans must realize their air force is but a memory.

## Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars!

The President's recent nomination of 80 generals has focussed the spotlight on the number of star-bedecked uniforms. It is simple for most people to reel off the names of the headline-winning generals, but to name them all would stump a super Quiz Kid.

For when the nominations are approved 2022 stars will twinkle on 1503 Army blouses. Four generals wear five stars, 11 wear four, 34 will wear three, 402 will wear two and 1052 will wear one.

## Too Close For Comfort!



## At Your Service

**Q.** What service may a commissioned officer count for longevity pay purposes? Does it include National Guard and Reserve periods of service? T.L.M.

**A.** Commissioned officers of the Regular Army may be credited with full time, in the computation of longevity pay, for all periods during which they were enlisted or held commissions, either active or inactive, in any of the services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Public Health Service) or Reserve components thereof; service in the Organized Militia prior to July 1, 1916, National Guard, National Guard Reserve, National Militia, National Naval Volunteers, Naval Reserve Force, Marine Corps Reserve Force, Philippine Scouts, Philippine Constabulary, and service as Coast and Geodetic Survey officers authorized in Section 2 (b) of the Act of January 19, 1942 (Public Law 402, 77th Cong.). Officers of the Army of the United States or Officers' Reserve Corps may count full time for all periods during which they were enlisted or held commissions as officers, appointments as warrant officers or Army Field Clerks or as commissioned officers, either active or inactive, in all of the services mentioned above, and in addition may be credited with full time during which they had service in the Regular Army Reserve, Medical Reserve Corps of the Navy, Dental Reserve Corps of the Navy and Enlisted Reserve Corps.

**Q.** What does E.C.P.C. mean in an address of a man in the service? S.M.B.

**A.** East Coast Processing Center.

**Q.** What Army Regulation prohibits wearing service stripes based on service in the State National Guard combined with Regular Army service? C.C.B.

**A.** AR 600-40, which provides in Par. 55 e. that "All enlisted men of the Army, National Guard or Organized Reserves who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps for a period of 3 years, continuously or otherwise (or who have served honorably in the National Guard in Federal service), will wear, as a mark of distinction, the appropriate service stripes."

**Q.** Are the wives of retired Army officers permitted to make purchases at an Army commissary? Maj. L.G.

**A.** It falls to the Commanding Officer at a particular post to give authorizations to persons making purchases at Army Commissaries.

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**Q.** Has there been a recent release of warrant officers who have been declared excess personnel? Mrs. L.B.

**A.** No.

**Q.** I was attached to the 72nd Infantry Regiment, 11th Division, during World War I and I would like to know if the 11th Division has been re-activated in this war, and if so, where they are fighting? Veteran.

**A.** The World War 11th Division has not been re-activated in this war.

**Q.** Just how will an enlisted man who has been raised to commissioned rank during this war revert to his permanent rank after the war? T.L.K.

**A.** Enlisted men who have received commissions in the Army of the United States during the emergency will be discharged from the A.U.S. by a procedure to be administratively determined at some future date. As men in this category were discharged from the Army prior to being commissioned in the A.U.S., they will have to re-enlist in the Regular Army at their permanent rank at the time of discharge. Such reversion to permanent rank is not automatic.

**Q.** What do the initials M.A.E.T. in an Army address represent? Mrs. G.L.M.

**A.** Medical Air Evacuation Transport Squadron.

**Q.** Does any Army Hospital employ civilian women barbers under any circumstances? Miss K.

**A.** There is no general War Department regulation forbidding employment of women barbers at Army hospitals. The commanding general at each installation may determine local regulations affecting employment, and it therefore becomes a local matter at each hospital as to whether any women barbers have been employed at hospitals.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

In reference to your front-page article of Dec. 31, concerning compulsory military training, we wish to state that we are violently protesting the War Department's statement that any next war will probably involve an invasion of the U. S. A. To quote a phrase from an old Army song, "What in the hell are we fighting for?"

S/Sgt. Carl N. Simmerer,  
Pfc. H. D. Stevenson,  
In Germany.

Gentlemen:

We wrote the following letter to Tennessee State Legislator Robert Brooks:

"In the March 17 issue of Army Times we read an item to the effect that you had introduced a bill in the State Legislature prohibiting the use of lipstick in the State of Tennessee. 'We, too, are from Tennessee; and how anyone possessing the dignity and responsibility of your position can be so narrow-minded and bigoted is beyond our imagination. If you will stop to think of the purpose of lipstick—to enhance the beauty of womanhood—you will realize the devastating effect of such legislation in our state... If the women of Tennessee are to be denied the privilege of using this universal beauty-aid, we can only foresee a state full of bachelor women—and a sadly depopulated condition...."

T/Sgt. John L. Fry,  
Sgt. Mitchell Lawson,  
T/4 Charles Adams,  
Camp Gruber, Okla.

Gentlemen:

It seems the company clerk is the forgotten man in the Army. Another Table of Distribution has just been issued and while nearly every position calls for a grade of staff sergeant or tech sergeant it is the lot of the company clerk to retain the grade of corporal with the title Clerk-Typist.

This is my third year as a company clerk. Despite a special assignment to the Adjutant General's School for the Advanced Course on Administration, I'm still back where I started. I have seen fellows fail in company clerical work only to be put in other positions with higher ratings while I have had to stand fast because "Good company clerks are scarce and it takes months to break in a clerk where he can be depended on."

I have acted as first sergeant and battalion sergeant major in their absence, but I am begrudged one more stripe. The Army has not made it possible for a man to be rewarded for his ability.

Discouraged Clerk,  
Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Gentlemen:

We of the 3rd Infantry Division read with great interest your fine newspaper, but there was an article in the Dec. 23 issue which I believe calls for a bit of correction.

The story states that the 36th Division's 119 consecutive days in the line is a record. You say the 3rd Division spent several days out of the line at Remiremont. That is incorrect. We have been in constant contact with the enemy, and today (Feb. 12) marks the 179th day since D-Day in Southern France and marks the 179th consecutive day of combat. Not once has the 3rd been out of contact with the enemy and the record is still climbing.

But the crowning insult was calling the 3rd "Marne" Division the 3rd Marine Division. No intention is made to belittle the work of the 3rd Marines, but with its nearly 400 days of combat, its seven separate campaigns and its 16 Congressional Medal of Honor winners—all of them "firsts" in the ETO, the "Marne" Division wishes to receive the credit it is due.

Capt. H. J. Limprecht,  
Public Relations Officer.

(Apologies to the men of the gallant, fighting 3rd Division. Army Times experiences difficulties with the Marne and Americal Divisions. One has a habit of appearing in print as Marine and the other as American.—Ed.)



# Seeks 25% Of Jobs For Veterans

CHICAGO.—Many of the big names of mid-western business have joined to sponsor and incorporate "Industry For Veterans," a non-profit organization to obtain pledges from industry that 25 per cent of all post-war jobs will go to war veterans.

The idea was conceived and put into effect by Capt. James Simpson, Jr., a veteran of 22 months with the Marines in the South Pacific, who was placed on the inactive list two weeks ago.

Captain Simpson said that the organization already has pledged 37,500 jobs for veterans from mid-western companies employing 150,000 persons.

Incorporators of "Industry For Veterans," according to Simpson, include:

Gen. Charles G. Dawes, chairman of the City National Bank & Trust

## Fulfillment

Now from the blackest night—'twas Christmas Eve—

Of all this war has dawned the wakening hour

When, as the purest lily springs from slime

Beneath the lake's clear water into flower

The darkened hopes of men in God's own time

And Easter's promise must again believe.

DUANE EDWIN FOX.

Easter, 1945.

## This 'Cadence' Guy

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—"This is only my first week of training," remarked Pvt. Herbert Shugar, of the Infantry Replacement Training Center here, "and maybe I don't know what's going on, but it sure seems to me that all the sergeants and corporals have it in for a guy named 'Cadence.' Every time we start marching, they call out his name."

Company; Gen. Robert E. Wood, chairman of Sears, Roebuck & Company; Col. A. A. Sprague, chairman of Sprague Warner-Kenny Corp.; Col. Leon Mandel, vice-president of Mandel Brothers; Max McGraw, president of McGraw Electric Company; James Cunningham, president of Republic Flow Meters Company; Joseph McNabb, president of Bell & Howell; Paul Butler, president of Butler Paper Corp.; John R. Thompson, Jr., president of Thompson Restaurant chain; V. A. Wadsworth, executive vice-president of Wescott Valve Company; George

B. Stolley, general manager of Standard Brands, Inc.

Captain Simpson said he got the idea while fighting in the Solomons and put it up to "men whose judgment I respect" on his return to this country.

"I found the men in the South Pacific worrying principally about two things—when they would get back home and what their future would be," he said. "This plan is to assure the men while they are still out there worrying that the cream of the jobs won't be gone when they're mustered out, that they will be taken care of when they get home."

## 350 Red Cross Trucks Take Supplies To War Prisoners

WASHINGTON.—Two hundred and fifty trucks already have been assigned to carry Red Cross prisoner-of-war supplies to American and Allies held in Germany, and another hundred trucks are being shipped from this country early this month. Basil O'Connor, chairman of American Red Cross, announces.

The first American trucks to take cargoes of Red Cross supplies for prisoners-of-war up to the German border were sent to France last fall for use in France and Switzerland. When German railroad transportation became more difficult because of Allied bombings, it was decided to use the trucks inside Germany. A trial convoy made up of 25 American trucks was sent from Switzerland early in March, and its success encouraged the use of larger numbers. Trains will continue to bring in shipments from Sweden and Switzerland, but trucks are particularly useful for short runs from a distribution center, and for supplying prisoners on the march.

Five-foot Red Cross and Swiss flags are painted on the tops of the

trucks for protection from air attack, and Swiss flags are painted on the sides. Some of the trucks are manned by Swiss drivers; others are manned and served by Allied war prisoners. All are accompanied for protection by German military escorts.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

We think it's about time someone "told off" guys like Patrick L. Carroll, who thinks the GI Bill of Rights is inadequate. It's "bums" like him who don't know a good thing when they see it and the only idea in his otherwise empty head is that just because he served in the Army the world owes him a living. His only constructive suggestion is for a cash bonus. We question his ability to use a cash bonus for a worthy and lasting purpose.

We think the provisions of the Bill are good. But already it is being abused by veterans using their readjustment allowances. No doubt some of it is legitimate, but with manpower shortages and employment opportunities what they are at present, it's an indication of very unorthodox, anti-social and unpatriotic thinking on the part of some veterans.

Cpl. Glenn H. Johnson,  
Cpl. Weldon T. Hibbard,  
McGraw Hospital, Wash.

Gentlemen:

I would like to contact some of the men who were with my son, Capt. Thomas K. Locke, 315th Infantry Regiment, when he was killed in action July 26, 1944, in France. Tom commanded Co. B, and I feel certain some of his men or officers have been returned to the States because of wounds or ill health.

Maj. F. W. Locke (Retired),  
2301 Pacific Ave.,  
San Francisco 15, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I would like to contact some of the boys who were with Pvt. Roman W. Slawewski, Co. E, 175th Infantry Regiment, APO 29, NYC, when he was killed.

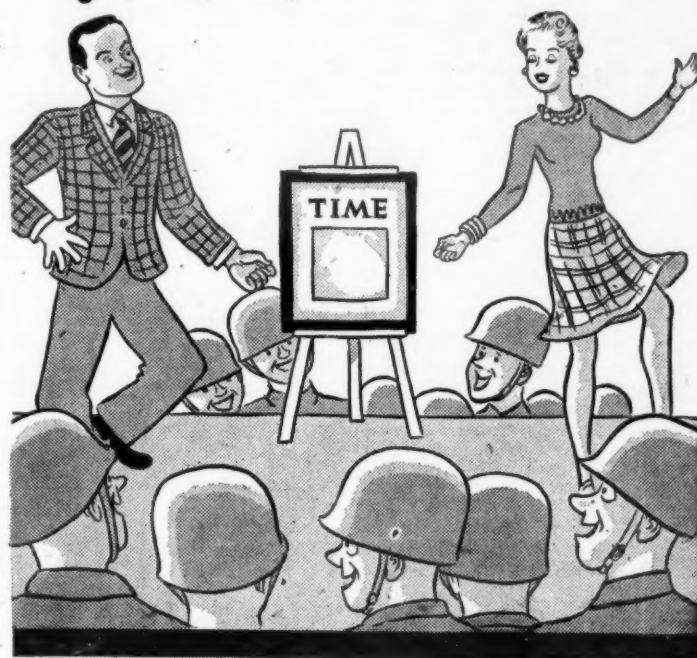
Mrs. Sophie J. Slawewski,  
40 Sturtevant Ave.,  
Norwood, Mass.

## Again Goes Overseas

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—T/4 Janes Johnston, first Wac to arrive at Ellis wearing the gold overseas stripe on her sleeve—three of them—left last

week for another tour of duty beyond the continental limits. During her year and a half overseas, she was assigned to General Eisenhower's headquarters.

# Speaking of the post war young executive...



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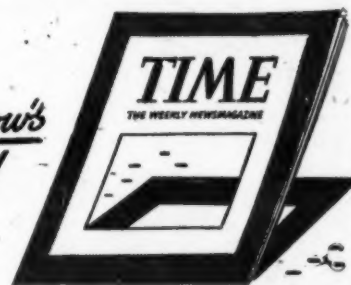
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## Come And Get Us, Georgie!

SIEGENHAIN, Germany.—General Patton's 6th Armored Division brought song to life here this week when the troops freed a large number of Americans from the nearby Nazi prison camp.

The prisoners had a song called "Come and Get Us, Georgie Patton," which was sung to the tune of "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah." The words were:

"We're a bunch of Yankee soldiers living deep in Germany,

"We're eating soup and black bread and a beverage they call tea.

"And we'll keep on singing till Patton sets us free

"So we can come rambling home.

"Come and get us, Georgie Patton,

"Come and get us, Georgie Patton,

"Come and get us, Georgie Patton, so we can come rambling home."



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## Credits 32% Of Plans To Soldier-Inventors

WASHINGTON. — Army Ordnance has slashed all red tape in order to encourage the maximum number of GI inventions of military value, according to Ordnance Headquarters here.

Any Ordnanceman anywhere in the world is at liberty at any time to write direct to Maj. Gen. L. H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance, about his invention. He may also send it direct, if he so desires, to the National Inventor's Council, which functions in close collaboration with the military and naval branches of the government and brings to their attention all such discoveries as appear to have value in the prosecution of the war.

The usual channels of military correspondence are bypassed in other ways. An Ordnance soldier may submit his idea direct to the editors of the "Ordnance Sergeant," a classified monthly technical journal published at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Each month this publication headlines some soldier as the "Ordnanceman of the Month" and publishes full details of the tool or other improvement which he has suggested. Full opportunity is given all personnel to submit their ideas for improvements in tools, field expedients, and gadgets which have been found useful in their outfits.

Another official monthly publication is "Army Motors," which is devoted to tank and automotive equipments and is published in Detroit. In the various battle theaters, daily, weekly or monthly magazines give encouragement to field inventions and novel suggestions of all kinds.

The National Inventor's Council has thus far received 189,154 suggestions and of these about one-third pertained to Ordnance. These were studied and evaluated by the Council and some were forwarded to Ordnance for further evaluation. Of the total number of suggestions in production or use today 32 percent were submitted by military personnel. The soldier-inventors have received Merit Awards, letters of commendation, patents or recommendation for promotion.

Right now the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces, would like to find a better means of controlling fires in fighting tanks for a sufficient period of time to evacuate personnel. The process should be

manually controlled or operated. At present, there are 35 items urgently needed by various agencies of government in the prosecution of the war and every effort is being made to encourage worthwhile suggestions.

## Troops Hear Red Tankmen Talking 200 Mi. Distant

WITH THE 3RD ARMORED DIVISION, Beyond the Rhine.—Efforts are being made here to get soldier-to-soldier radio contact between American and Russian tankmen as a result of contact made this week.

American tank crews spinning their radio dials heard a strange tongue—Russian tankmen talking to each other 200 miles to the east. Those who could speak a little Russian tried to interpret distorted words and phrases without much success.

The radio contact was the first between the two armies.



—American Red Cross Photo

NEAR THE SIEGFRIED LINE, somewhere in Germany, GIs and Red Cross workers enjoy a live session with canned music. Rifles, helmets and heavy boots, as well as soggy floor, somewhat slowed down the dance tempo, but it was great fun.

## Report Marshall To Head Allied Pacific Command

WASHINGTON.—Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, is being considered for the post of Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific as part of a reorganization of the Army command for the final assault on Japan, according to Roscoe Drummond, Washington correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

Drummond wrote that the reorganization is in prospect, but the decision to name General Marshall to the top Pacific command is yet to be made. A strong movement is afoot in both the War and Navy Departments for changes in the top personnel, he says.

Under the plan as outlined by Drummond, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, would be returned here to become chief of staff and the

new post created in the Pacific for Marshall.

### Welcome to Navy

The appointment of General Marshall would be welcome to the Navy, it was said, which, until the Army establishes secure headquarters on Japan, would be in immediate command of the whole amphibious operation and which, after this point had been reached, would yield the command to the Army.

Since General Marshall has been a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff throughout the war, it would give the staff a personal representative on the spot in making the strategy which is to be used against

Japan.

Drummond writes that it will be recalled that Prime Minister Churchill was hopeful that General Marshall could be utilized as Supreme Commander in Europe, but that this proposal was rejected because too much remained to be done in devising and executing the total strategy of the war on all fronts.

He also said there was every reason to believe that President Roosevelt, as commander-in-chief, considers General Marshall eminently qualified and that if the War and Navy Departments agreed, his appointment and the shift of General Eisenhower to Washington would be approved.

## Pilot Has Three Pranged Nazis And New 'Lingo' To His Credit

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—"While Rat-top and Shovel-face pranged two bandits, the Word clobbered another in a luftberry just as Spaghetti made a bounce. That cracked the Jerries wide open and they clobbered it to hell out of there."

Doubletalk? No, it's a sample of Gevorkian English, or how Capt. Sam Gevorkian, of Pasadena, Calif., 8th Air Force P-51 peashooter jockey, would describe a neat brush with a passel of Nazi fighters.

Guys like Rat-top, Shovel-face, the Word and Spaghetti are merely a few of his nicer-named friends. Translated into stilted un-Gevorkian English, it simply means that while Rat-top and Shovel-face expended enough ammunition into two German fighter craft to put them completely out of the battle, the Word, who had been circling with a third fighter in a manner somewhat similar to a dog chasing its tail, finally scored a killing hit.

## Two GIs Escape From Ft. Slocum

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—A nine-state police teletype alarm was sent out Tuesday for the apprehension of Walter H. Bingman, 24, Anniston, Ala., and Eugene Alexander, 22, Detroit, who escaped from Fort Slocum.

The pair was the first to escape from the Fort since it became a rehabilitation center for court-martialed soldiers last November.

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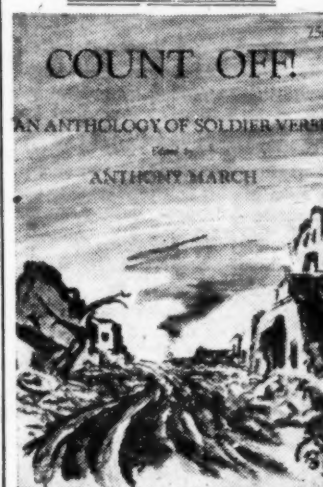
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2000 BOTTLES OF WINE, much of it of a rare vintage, were found by Lt. Richard P. MacDermott, of Wellington, O., and other Cavalrymen of the U. S. First Army beneath the floor of a garage in Germany.

## Yank Soldiers Influence British Postwar Housing

WASHINGTON.—The influence of the American soldier on the people of Britain is being evidenced in postwar home planning and, as a result, British housing plans are exceeding Americans as far as modern conveniences go, according to Dr. David Daiches, secretary at the British Embassy here.

A former professor of English literature at the University of Chicago, Dr. Daiches told the League for Larger Life that the Americans dispensed their ideas on postwar homes while helping British hostesses to dry dishes.

"Since he was generally a pretty homesick boy, he told about his 'mom' or his wife, and their very modern American kitchen that had this and that," Dr. Daiches said. "He waxed quite eloquent and possibly added tales of culinary equipment that was rather revolutionary. 'The housewifely heart and imagination of his English hostess was deeply stirred. Then when the town councils received back their

questionnaires asking each woman what she wanted in her postwar kitchen, the venerable gentlemen's eyebrows went mighty high."

## War Leaders Approve Merger Of Army-Navy

NEW YORK.—The New York Herald-Tribune, in a copyright story, said this week that American military chiefs at European and Pacific battlefronts have expressed approval of the plan to merge the War and Navy Departments after the war into a Department of National Defense.

The Tribune says Army and Navy leaders were asked for their reaction to the merger proposal, long advocated by ARMY TIMES, by a committee of high-ranking Army and Navy officers appointed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The committee talked with Army commanders in Europe, traveled to the Pacific to poll Army and Navy chiefs there and returned recently to Washington.

It is now drafting a report of its findings for the Joint Chiefs, according to the Tribune.

### Eisenhower Listed

Among those understood to have been polled and to have approved the general principle of a merger were Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Admiral William F. Halsey. The general reaction of the military leaders was said to be "remarkably favorable."

The polling committee is said to be preparing a report unanimously recommending a postwar consolidation of Army and Navy supply and purchasing activities. However, partly because of some Navy opposition, members are not fully

agreed on the mechanics of combining the services.

The Army has been in favor of a consolidation, but members of Congress have complained that until now the Navy has been cool to the idea.

## Negro Wacs Restored To Duty; Sentences Voided

BOSTON.—The recent court-martial sentences imposed on four Negro Wacs at Fort Devens have been voided by Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles of the 1st Service Command.

The Wacs were convicted of disobeying orders and sentenced to one year at hard labor and ordered dishonorably discharged. They have been restored to duty at Lovell General Hospital where they went on "strike" some weeks ago.

General Miles voided the sentences

after receiving an opinion from the Judge Advocate General of the Army at Washington.

At Washington the War Department said the court-martial proceedings were vacated because the court was improperly convened.

The four Wacs were Pvt. Anna C. Morrison, 20, Richmond, Ky.; Johnny Murphy, 20, Rankin, Pa.; Alice Young, 23, Washington; and Mary E. Green, 21, Conroe, Tex.

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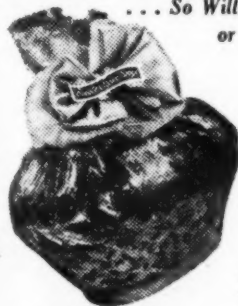
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**VICTORY DINNER PARTY** to celebrate opening of the Burma Road sector of the Stilwell Highway supply route was staged at the Chinese Combat Command by Gen. Wei Li-huang (seated at right), Commanding General of the Chinese Expeditionary Force. In the historic group are (left to right), Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure, Commanding General of Chinese Combat Command; Gen. Ho Ying-chin, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff and Supreme Commander of the Chinese Army; Madame Lung Yun; Col. John W. Middleton, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army's Chinese Training Center; Hon. Lung Yun, Governor of Yunnan Province and Commanding General of the Generalissimo's Kuming Field Headquarters, and General Wei, the host. Standing in back is Maj. Gen. John Liu, the liaison officer between General Ho's headquarters and General McClure's headquarters.

## Army Quiz

1. "Flak" has come to be one of the most frequently used war terms. Do you know where the name came from?

2. One of the German towns taken by the 3rd Army in its rush east from the Rhine was the scene of a historic sixteenth-century religious gathering, in which Martin Luther was the outstanding personage. Can you name it?

3. Gen. Orville A. Anderson, deputy commander of the 8th Tactical Air Force in Europe, estimated the number of Germans who had been used to man antiaircraft guns on the Western front. Would you think it was—

- A. 300,000?
- B. 950,000?
- C. 2,000,000?

4. What is the strength of a Quartermaster Company?

5. After three years of exile Queen Wilhelmina, of the Netherlands returned home from London for a brief visit. Do you know the recognized legal heads of these invaded or occupied countries and where they are now: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Yugoslavia?

6. Some American Army officers, both in the United States and overseas, have recently been wearing a new shoulder insignia. Do you know what it is and what its significance is?

7. Last week one nation which has had close association with Germany all through the war declared war on the Axis. Was it—

- A. Turkey?
- B. Spain?
- C. Argentina?

8. The prevailing situation of disintegration in Germany has frequently been mentioned in dispatches as the "Gottterdammerung." Do you know what the term means and how it has been notably used for years in musical circles?

9. How many Army veterans would you say were now entitled to wear the honorable discharge buttons?

- A. 350,000?
- B. 1,225,000?
- C. 2,130,000?

10. ARMY TIMES suggests the Army's most popular cartoonist as GI representative at the San Francisco peace conference. Do you know who is he is?

(See "Quiz Answers," page 19)

## Keesler Soldier Rated As Champ In Safe Driving

**KEESLER FIELD, Miss.**—The nation's safest driver is now an Air Forces soldier at Keesler Field. Holder of civilian and Army awards for his accident-free driving record of more than 1,500,000 miles, Cpl. Edward J. Smithwick has been cited upon numerous occasions for his driving ability.

Corporal Smithwick, of School Sq. P., is a transferee from the Infantry. It was at Camp Adair, Ore., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., that he won his military recognition. His civilian records were made in Michigan in 1938 and '39 as high cab-mounted pilot of huge cross-country transport trucks.

## 11 Nationalities And 6 Religious Sects In Iran Scout Troop

**TEHERAN, Iran.**—Thousands of miles from home in a land no longer strange to them, five American soldiers are promoting international goodwill by their sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop that comprises 11 nationalities and a half-dozen religious sects.

Fifty-four boys ranging in age from 12 to 18 years make up Troop 1, Teheran, one of the few troops outside the continental limits of the United States and the only one in Iran accredited to the Boy Scouts of America.

The international group represents Iran, Iraq, the U. S. S. R., Palestine, Turkey, the United States, India, Lebanon, Czechoslovakia and Sweden.

## Fiancee Waited And Married Legless Vet

**PHILADELPHIA.**—"Don't wait for me, I'm pretty badly shot up," Aubrey B. Holland, of Conshohocken, Pa., wrote his fiancée, Miss Doris Jane Ruth, from Italy.

But Miss Ruth did wait, and last Saturday Holland walked up a church aisle, aided by two canes, for his wedding to the gallant girl.

Holland lay unattended for four days on the banks of the Rapido river in Italy, with his left arm shattered, left leg broken, both feet and one hand frozen. When rescued the doctors found it advisable to amputate both legs. But he now has a job in a war plant here.

## New Flying League

**SPENCE FIELD, Ga.**—"Flying Training League" is a new baseball loop, including teams from Napier, Maxwell, Gunter and Tyndal fields. Each team will play 25 games, with opening scheduled for May 2.

# Civilians, Poison And Sabotage Used By Nazis To Hold Up Yanks

**ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, in Europe.**—The varied and un-patterned reaction of German civilians to America's invading armies is too paradoxical to permit Yankee GIs to follow any general plan of approach or count on any specific reception.

At Aschaffenburg troops of the 45th Infantry Division of the 7th Army pitted their arms this week against old men, women and children, the wounded and the crippled in bloody room-to-room fighting.

Marshaled by a Major Lambert, the civilians of Aschaffenburg joined with soldiers in defending the burning, ruined city, but were being routed out, one by one, from cellars and bomb shelters in which they were making a fanatical stand.

### Explosive Cigarettes

Farther along the line the men of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 4th and 6th Armored Divisions learned that the Germans have prepared poisoned food and explosive cigarettes which were left for our soldiers. Other poisoned items included coffee, sugar and chocolate.

Some of the men of the 2nd Armored Division got a taste of royal distemper this week when they notified the Princess Valerie Maria Arenberg, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Schleswig Holstein and a great granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England, that she would have to give up the main wing of her 300-room Westphalian chateau.

"I am astonished," the Princess twice told Lt. Col. George Elms, of Waynesburg, Pa. "I thought England would protect me. Now you ask me to live in a place without even a kitchen."

The titian-haired princess was

ordered into a 14-room annex of the chateau, but didn't like the idea at all.

During the interview she was flanked by her husband, Prince Ingelbert Charles Arenberg, and another titled relative, the Duke of Croÿ, whose first two wives were Americans and whose daughter, Mrs. Richard Metz, now lives in New York City.

Elsewhere saboteurs made their first reported attempts against the 7th Army front by plunging a German train and several coaches through a shattered overpass on to a military highway through Erbach, killing some American troops and delaying an armored column.

The overpass, as the result of an

explosion, had been gaping open above the route for days. Apparently the saboteurs unbraked a train blocked by the blasted track and rolled it through the opening on to the busy convoy route, 23 miles northeast of Mannheim.

Back at Aschaffenburg the fanatical defense of the civilians was reported exacting heavy casualties from the 45th Infantry Division. In mid-week a 15-year-old girl taken prisoner among the enemy wounded had to have her left leg amputated at an American hospital. At the time she was wounded she and a group of children were throwing grenades at American troops in house-to-house fighting.

## Stork Promotion!

**HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.**—An Act of God promotion, without orders and without chevrons, was celebrated by a jubilant jeep driver in a headquarters battery of the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

"I am a corporal at last," announced Pfc. Narciso Vega, 29, of Ponce, Puerto Rico, and Brooklyn, N. Y.

He produced a cablegram from Ponce to support his boast. "I have just given birth to a baby girl," he said. "Well, isn't that a promotion? I got a \$20 allotment. If I was made corporal, it would have been an \$18 raise."

## "Hey, Rookie" Players Are Given China Duty And Will Stage Shows

**KUNMING, China.**—Yank troops stationed in the China Theater will have the best in musical entertainment in the months to come, thanks to a group of hard working clerks, mechanics, cooks and truck drivers who recently arrived here from bases in India.

The group, formerly members of the GI traveling show, "Hey, Rookie," recently disbanded by the War Department, will do more than "double in brass" in the future. They will be doing regular military duty during the day, and supplying entertainment for Uncle Sam's fighting forces several nights a week.

The show, formed at Fort MacArthur in March, 1942, nine months in Los Angeles, cleared nearly \$400,000 for various services relief funds, and then played 20 months overseas.

## IV Corps Hdqrs. Has Anniversary

**WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.**—Staff officers of IV Corps Headquarters celebrated their first anniversary overseas by reviewing the recent success of their troops in combat.

It was their corps commander, Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenger, who refreshed their memory of that occasion on March 7, 1944, when Headquarters and Headquarters Company, IV Corps, and Headquarters and Headquarters Battery IV Corps Artillery, sailed for an overseas destination.

Pointing out that the anniversary occurred while troops of IV Corps were in the midst of outstanding battlefield achievements, General Crittenger described the celebration as "a most auspicious occasion for all of us."

## Col. Dougherty Named As Deputy Chief Of Staff Of Fourth SC

**ATLANTA, Ga.**—Appointment of Col. George O. A. Dougherty, a native Georgian, as deputy chief of staff of the 4th Service Command was announced today by Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general.

Colonel Dougherty, an infantry officer, succeeded Col. George N. Randolph, who has assumed command of Fort McPherson, Atlanta.

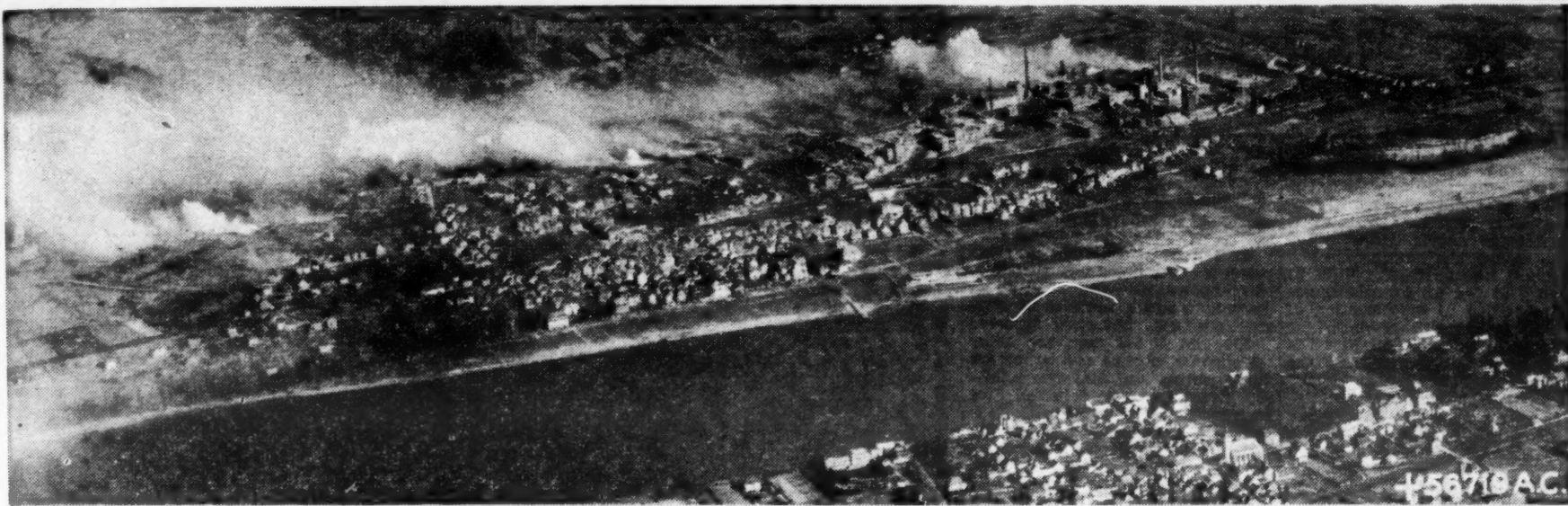
The new deputy chief of staff came to the 4th Service Command from the publications division, Adjutant General's Office, Washington. Previously he had served as commanding officer of Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.



—Army Press Relations Photo

**RAIN WAS NO DETERRENT** as officers and GIs listened to veteran Irving Berlin sing "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," "Put On Your Easter Bonnet" and other nostalgic favorites, plus a couple of new songs for the Americal Division in the Philippines. Note lone Red Cross girl in front row.





DEVASTATION WROUGHT by artillery fire is clearly evidenced in this panoramic view of Honnigan, Germany, a few miles south of Remagen. It was photographed by a Ninth Air Force reconnaissance pilot during a heavy barrage. In addition to providing air and ground with visual and photographic information of enemy terrain and dispositions, pilots fly over targets at 350 miles an hour to radio information for artillery fire adjustment.

## Army Ground Forces News

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES.**—Maj. George George F. Tyler, Jr., FA, of the Ground Statistics Section, has been promoted from the rank of captain. It was announced by the office of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commanding general of Army Ground Forces. Major Tyler served in North Africa, Italy and France with a Field Artillery battalion from Aug., 1943, until Sept., 1944.

Officers assigned here for permanent duty include Lt. Col. Rollie N. Blancett, CE, Ground Engineer Section; Lt. Col. Peter J. Kopcsak, FA, Ground G-1 Section; Lt. Col. Julian H. Martin, Infantry, Ground G-3 Section, and Maj. Gordon W. Jones, Infantry, Ground Special Information Section.

**HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.**—Col. Thomas E. de Shazo, Assistant Commandant of the Field Artillery School, was the principal speaker recently at Sheppard Field, Tex., where 30 officers received their wings upon completion of primary training as Field Artillery liaison pilots.

The pilots were members of the first class to be graduated from the 2618th Base Unit for primary training for Field Artillery liaison pilots. Members of the graduating class will now take operational training here before being assigned to Field Artillery units.

Colonel de Shazo spoke of the development of the light Field Artillery liaison planes during the present war, and described the famed "grasshopper" planes as a "secret weapon" which would have been laughed at by the enemy prior to this war.

Colonel de Shazo's address was followed by remarks by Brig. Gen. Walter F. Kraus, Commanding General of the Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Tex.

The program also included a review of student officers of the 2618th Base Unit. Members of the reviewing party besides General Kraus and Colonel de Shazo included Col. E. A. Lohman, Commanding Officer of Sheppard Field; Lt. Col. Samuel N. Lapsley, Commanding Officer of the 78th Base Unit; members of their staffs and other visiting officers.

Officers from Fort Sill, Okla., attending the ceremonies besides Colonel de Shazo were the following members of the Department of Air Training: Maj. Thomas S. Baker, Acting Director; Maj. Del Val Dale, Executive; Maj. Marion J. Fortner, Engineering Officer; Capt. Edward L. Glynn, Flight Surgeon; Capt. Thomas F. Piper, Acting Chief of Flight Division, and 1st Lt. Payne O. Lysne, Acting Commanding Officer, Technique of Employment.

**HEADQUARTERS, CAVALRY SCHOOL.**—Lt. Col. Daniel E. Still and Maj. George E. Perry, Jr., members of the staff and faculty, returned recently from temporary

duty with the 1st Troop Carrier Command at Stout Field, Ind., where they completed arrangements for an air-supply demonstration recently held at the Cavalry School. The problem featured parachute supply drops to the Animal Pack Transportation Classes.

Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, Director of Training, has returned from temporary duty at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky., where a study was made of new equipment.

Maj. Daniel H. Chappell, Cavalry Board, will proceed to Fort Bragg, N. C., on temporary duty with the Field Artillery Board.

Capt. Preston F. Gibson has been released from assignment with the staff and faculty and placed on inactive duty. He will proceed to his home at Brattleboro, Vt.

Capt. George G. Bonnyman, recently returned veteran of the China and Burma-India Theaters, has been released from duty with the Department of Horsemanship and assigned to the Department of Weapons. Captain Bonnyman spent 23 months overseas as a pack Artillery officer and is the holder of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished

Unit Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

**HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND.**—Members of headquarters Antiaircraft Command general staff visited headquarters, Army Ground Forces in Washington, D. C.

**INFANTRY SCHOOL.**—Col. Brookner W. Brady, veteran of the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, who wears the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, has been named commanding officer of the Academic Regiment at Fort Benning. He succeeds Col. Edward P. Passailaigue, who has assumed command of the Infantry Training Detachment No. 1 of the School.

1st Lt. Howard A. McLogan and 2nd Lt. Thomas F. Nugent have been assigned as aides to Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the School.

## Led Tank Duel In Which Two Shermans Best Seven Nazi Tigers

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—In the current controversy over the relative merits of the American Sherman

and the German Tiger tank, Lt. Arthur C. Klein, of Merion, Pa., is all for the Sherman.

Lieutenant Klein has his reasons, a lot of them. Last Sept. 8, near Liege, Belgium, he commanded two Shermans which fought and knocked out nine German tanks, seven of which were Tigers. He was almost killed during the action.

Now awaiting reassignment at the AGSF Redistribution Station here, Lieutenant Klein told the story.

"It was 11.30 at night, but we managed to sight seven of them," he said. "I figured we might get five before we were knocked out, so we waded in—the two tanks, with five men in each, and a squad of 11 armored infantrymen.

"The whole thing lasted five minutes. A long five minutes. They were in single file, and bunched. They started fighting, but didn't connect. I was out on the ground, directing the operation. The infantrymen had no bazooka with them, so they scattered, and the two Shermans went to work with their 75s. The nearest German tank was about 15 feet away, the farthest perhaps 40 yards.

"It was just after the seventh tank was put out of commission that I got mine. A German soldier in one of the tanks got me with his machine pistol, or burp gun. The bullet went into my neck, in front, and plunged on through, nipping one lung. Luckily, it missed my throat.

"The men went on and got the other two. They had to chase the last one.

"That's why I don't like to hear criticism of the Sherman tank," Lieutenant Klein said. "I'm proud of it."

## 41sters Make Sure Jap Has Shot His Last Film

HQ. 41ST DIVISION, Zamboanga, the Philippines.—For the first time it has been definitely ascertained that a Japanese newsreel combat-cameraman has been killed in action against the Yanks.

During the fighting on the outskirts of Zamboanga, during the initial invasion of Mindanao, a patrol of 41st Division infantrymen killed him, camera in hand.

The patrol, led by Lt. Bernard Pfirrmann, of Los Angeles, spotted a deftly concealed pillbox and stormed it from three sides with tommy guns and grenades. The seven occupants of the stronghold were wiped out by the hail of steel.

In examining the pillbox interior, the 41sters discovered the cameraman's body and from documents he carried his identity was learned.

His combat motion-picture

camera was filled with exposed film, evidence that he might have been shooting the Jap's eye view of fighting until riddled by a tommy gun.

He had been employed by Elga Haikyusha, the Nipponese film monopoly, which since the war's commencement has been churning out propaganda celluloid.

The exposed film is being forwarded to the War Department for development and examination in the belief some new angles on Japanese tactics may be discovered.

## Seventh War Loan Drive Opens May 14 For 14 Billions

WASHINGTON.—Individuals will be called on to purchase half of the \$14,000,000,000 Seventh War Loan, in the drive to start May 14, it was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau this week.

While the loan total is the same as the last one, the quota for individuals has been increased by \$2,000,000,000.

The quota for Series "E" bonds has also been raised and in this campaign will be \$4,000,000,000. Both the individual and "E" bond quotas are a billion dollars higher than any previous quota in the same categories.

Lifting the quota on individual and "E" sales ought to have a good effect on curbing inflation, Secretary Morgenthau said.

The drive will run over a longer period than any of the former campaigns, from May 14 to June 30, with bond sales from April 9 to July 7 credited to the drive.

## Two Honor Medals In 'Item' Company

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, 7TH ARMY, France.—"Item" Company of the 3rd Division's 15th Infantry is believed to be the first rifle company in the United States Army to have two of its six officers win the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Both officers—Lt. John J. Tominae of Lincoln, Nebr., and Lt. Victor L. Kandle of San Francisco—received the nation's highest valor award for action that took place during the 3rd Division's mountain campaign.

## Wearing Sun-Tans

SAN ANGELO FIELD, Tex.—Extreme hot weather here resulted in announcement by Col. G. M. Palmer, Commanding Officer, that date has been set when wearing of summer issue will become compulsory.



—By Sgt. Jerry Chamberlain, Camp Blanding, Fla.

"We Thought This Being Sunday, He Could Maybe Go on Sick Call."



## Return Of Combat Men To Increase Soon, VFW Told

WASHINGTON.—Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, the Adjutant General, has advised the Veterans of Foreign Wars that "it is believed that the number of combat personnel returned from overseas (for rotation or furloughs) should definitely increase during the months ahead."

General Ulio wrote the VFW in response to the organization's action in calling to the attention of the War Department evidence that personnel of the 25th Infantry Division have been serving in the Pacific since before Pearl Harbor with scant leave granted.

(There are several outfits in the Pacific which have been overseas since February and March, 1942.)

General Ulio told the VFW that while the War Department does not have figures available on rotation quotas for the 25th, "there is no reason to believe that they have not received their proper share."

He reiterated that the rotation problem continues difficult because of manpower and the necessity to continue a steady increase in overseas strength, but said between 40,000 and 50,000 men are being returned on rotation and temporary duty monthly and that over 1,000,000 men have been returned "for various reasons" since Pearl Harbor. The latter figure probably includes wounded personnel.

## Patient At Stark Was Victim Of Poisoned Cognac Ring At Verdun

STARK GENERAL HOSPITAL, S. C.—A victim of a German collaborationist plot, Pfc. John R. Raybourne, of Charleston, is now being treated at Stark General Hospital before his transfer to another Army hospital. The private, who recently returned from 16 months' overseas duty in the European theater of operations, was sold poisoned cognac while in Verdun, France.

Raybourne, a member of a Quar-

termaster trucking company, aided in the drive that sent Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army smashing through the German lines.

On Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1944, Raybourne and several companions were celebrating the event. The four men bought some cognac from a shop in Verdun.

Discovery that the cognac had been poisoned was made the following day when Raybourne's three companions were found dead. That same afternoon, Raybourne was seized with a violent illness from which hospital officials thought he couldn't recover. But the private did rally, and when he was well enough to realize what had occurred, Raybourne discovered that he was blind.

The information that Raybourne supplied military authorities led to the apprehension of the collaborationist. Several members were involved in the plot to destroy members of the Allied armies, but the group has been tried and sentenced.

Raybourne, medical officers have stated, is suffering from a temporary blindness. His condition is slowly improving, and the Charlestonian presently is able to see light and dark shadows. Further treatment is expected to bring about his recuperation.

## 26 Months To Go From M/Sergeant To Lt. Colonel

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — From master sergeant to lieutenant colonel in 26 months is the record of Lt. Col. Ralph H. Ackerman, of Milbank, S. D., recently appointed supply director for engineer section at this ASF training center.

As an adult, Colonel Ackerman has actually "never been a civilian." At Fort Douglas, Utah, in 1920, he enlisted in the Regular Army as a private at the age of 17, although he had to "fib a bit" about his age. From then on, it was a matter of soldiering his way up the ladder.

When the present war broke out, the colonel was a master sergeant with an ordnance outfit. He, along with a few other "top three graders," was given a direct commission as first lieutenant.

## Battle-Tested Nazi Horses Used By MPs To Direct Traffic

WITH THE 90TH DIVISION.—The Canadian Mounties have nothing on the MPs of the 90th Division.

Within the Siegfried line four members of the 358th Inf. Reg. MP Co., are now directing traffic and checking their control points astride four "liberated" German horses who until recently were employed by the Wehrmacht as horsepower for artillery pieces.

The horses are combat tested and accustomed to all the noise of front-line activity.

"They're really a big help," contends 1st Lt. Paul D. Rines, MP platoon leader, "and we intend to take them along to Berlin."

## Old Story, Woman Betrayer

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany. — The old story of betrayal by a woman worked out to allow S/Sgt. Steve Stapel, of Pittsburgh, to capture two jerries in the little town of Berg.

The sergeant had just entered the town when a German girl stepped from a house and beckoned him to follow her. Suspicious, but curious, Stapel followed warily.

Stopping before a door, the girl eased it open quietly, revealing two Germans engrossed in watching American tanks shell the other side of the street.

A probe from his rifle interrupted their outlook, and they were escorted to the nearest PW cage.



—Signal Corps Photo

HEART-TO-HEART TALK by Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, commanding general of the 103rd Infantry Division, to a battalion of his doughboys was given at an Alsatian village where the outfit was resting after helping the 103rd smash back the German salient at Schillersdorf in the enemy's bid to retake Alsace.

## Smothers Grenade With His Own Body, Saves 3, Wins Honor Medal

WASHINGTON.—T/5 Robert D. Maxwell, of the 7th Inf. Regt. of the 3rd Infantry Division, who used his body to absorb the blast of a German hand grenade to save the lives of three comrades, with whom he was fighting off German efforts to capture his battalion observation post, has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

The action for which Corporal Maxwell received the nation's highest decoration for valor occurred near Besancon, France, last Sept. 7. Maxwell, a communication platoon lineman, and three other linemen faced the assault armed only with pistols. The four were jammed into a small courtyard, with a

low wall protecting them against machinegun fire. Said T/4 Cyril F. McColl, of Pittsburgh, one of the quartet:

"The Krauts had worked their way to within 10 yards of the house and were throwing hand grenades. The chicken wire on the wall caught them and they exploded outside our position."

"Maxwell was calmly firing at every target he could make out and the rest of us took our cue from him."

"The battalion commander started to move out and we set up covering fire. The enemy intensified the attack. Just as I was thinking how nice it would be to get out of

there I saw the hand grenade come over the wall. It cleared the chicken wire and hit the cement floor."

### Packed In Like Sardines

"We were packed like sardines in that small area and it looked as though our numbers were up. Then, I saw Maxwell lunge forward with his blanket in his hand and fall on the grenade. There was a deafening explosion and although I was only six feet away I got up uninjured. He had smothered the explosion with his body and the force of the explosion was directed laterally."

Corporal Maxwell, who was permanently injured, is now under treatment in Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Wash. Plans for the presentation of the medal have not been completed.

Maxwell, a native of Boise, Ida., was a timber worker in Colorado for two years before entering the Army. He previously had won the Silver Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart in Italy when he was wounded while repairing communications wire under extremely heavy shellfire.

## Negro Service And Supply Troops Ask And Get Line Duty

HEADQUARTERS, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.—When a call for reinforcements for combat units went out last winter through the rear echelons of the European Theater, hundreds of Negro service and supply troops volunteered to become combat soldiers with a chance to fight the Germans with a rifle.

A few months ago they were unloading ships at busy French and Belgian ports, driving trucks laden with ammunition, gas and food up to the front, repairing roads and building bridges, guarding prisoners or cooking in Army mess halls. Today, they are in foxholes along the 1st and 7th Army fronts, fighting the Germans with rifles and hand grenades and bayonets, the first Negro troops to fight shoulder to shoulder with white infantrymen in the same units in the European Theater. Reports indicate they are performing excellently.

Each of the men is a volunteer, and each had had earlier basic training in the infantry. But before they went into combat each was given a six-week refresher course with emphasis on fighting with the rifle.

## Killed While Holding Off German Counterattack, Wins Honor Medal

WASHINGTON.—Sgt. John J. McVeigh, Infantryman who died under German rifle fire as, armed only with a trench knife, he charged four Germans attempting to rush his position, has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. The War Department announced yesterday.

Presentation of the medal will be made to Sergeant McVeigh's widow who, with her baby daughter, lives in Philadelphia.

Describing the action, which occurred near Brest, France, last August, when the enemy launched a counterattack against the 23rd Inf. Regt., of the Second Infantry

Division, Sergeant McVeigh's platoon leader, 1st Lt. John E. King, said:

"The Germans came in a swift rush and our lines sagged under the impact. This left two machineguns unprotected and the Germans were about to overrun these positions. Sergeant McVeigh saw the danger and he stood in full view of the enemy, instructed the men of his squad in getting his machinegun into position to fire on the attacking Germans and in the meantime held off the enemy with fire from his M1 rifle."

"While his men worked swiftly he emptied his rifle at the enemy and stopped the frontal attack. But to the left of the gun emplacement he saw four Germans about to rush the position. With a trench knife in his hand he closed with the nearest German, who was armed with a rifle. He knocked the rifle aside and killed this German with his knife."

"He then closed with the other three and in the fight with them was killed by their rifles at point-blank range. Before the three could renew their assault on the machinegun, however, the gun went into action and they were killed."

"In this attack the Germans were supported by fire from 20-mm and 40-mm flak guns (antiaircraft guns, often used against personnel), and the time gained through Sergeant McVeigh's self-sacrifice enabled both machineguns of the section to go into action and drive off the enemy force."



—Signal Corps Photo

TWO YANKS SAW A COW, and 10 Yanks had fresh milk, when this German Bessie patiently allowed men of Troop C, 101st Cavalry Recon. Sqdn., Seventh Army, to do the milking at Geislautern, Germany. This photo may well start a storm of argument—some farm boys contend cows won't stand for left-side milking. It may well be Nazi cows have been trained under the Hitler regime to accept milking on any side.





—Signal Corps Photo  
"THE BIG PARADE" comes to a German town after infantrymen of Co. K, 3rd. Bn., First Army, enter after crossing the Roer river.

## Wins Duel Against Two Machinegun Nests, Sarge Gets Honor Medal

WASHINGTON.—S/Sgt. George J. Hall, of the 34th Infantry Division, who knocked out two German machinegun nests on the Anzio beachhead, May 23, 1944, killing seven Germans and capturing nine, has been awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announces.

Even after his right leg had been shattered by an enemy shell burst and he had severed the mangled remains of the leg with his sheath knife, he still begged to go forward with his platoon and knock out a third machinegun at his company's front.

Sergeant Hall, who underwent treatment for the loss of his leg at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, was discharged from the Army on Jan. 16. He now resides with his wife in Brooklyn. Plans for the presentation of the medal have not been made.

The Anzio action occurred in the early morning when the 34th began the push toward Rome. Shortly after H-hour his company was pinned down by the grazing fire of three enemy machineguns and harassing rifle fire. The terrain was flat and open and a light rain was falling.

"I don't know exactly why I did it," Sergeant Hall said later. "Somebody had to knock out those machineguns. The platoon was back of me, and I guess I figured it was up to me to do it."

### Pretty Mad At Germans

"Then, too, I was pretty mad at the Germans. I had been under fire at Anzio for two months and this seemed to be a good time to get back at them."

Sergeant Hall crawled forward for 60 yards along a plowed furrow under constant enemy fire. Coming within hand-grenade range, he hurled four into the first machinegun nest. When the smoke had lifted, Sergeant Hall and the bodies of two enemy dead occupied the position.

"There were four others in the nest," said Sergeant Hall. "They were stunned and slightly injured by the grenades. I took them prisoner and ordered them to crawl back toward our line, which they did without any trouble. The support squad of my platoon took them over."

"I had expended all my hand grenades," he went on, "and the second nest was within grenade range. I was in a tough spot for a while until I saw some German 'potato-masher' grenades in the position I had captured."

A vicious duel followed. For every one of the German "potato mashers" that Sergeant Hall threw at the second machinegun crew, one or more grenades came flying back from the enemy.

"I threw them quick," he said. "Every time I lifted my arm to throw they'd fire a burst of machinegun bullets at me. I don't know why I didn't get hit."

In short time he heard the enemy yelling "Kamerad" and when he

crawled to the nest he found five Germans with their hands in the air and five others dead. He sent the prisoners back toward our lines and then undertook to knock out the third and last machinegun nest.

This position was no more than 50 yards away and the enemy gunners were firing frantically at the lone Infantryman who calmly crawled toward it along a furrow.

"I had gone only a few yards," he said, "when an enemy shell exploded near me and just about cut my right leg off and injured my left foot so that the big toe had to be removed later."

"I wasn't knocked unconscious, but I did feel a great deal of pain. As soon as I saw what had happened to my leg, I knew I couldn't go forward anymore and I turned around and started to crawl back. It was about 75 yards to our men. I couldn't make it. Every time I tried to drag my leg the pain was so great I had to give up. I yelled for a medic but there was so much noise nobody could hear me."

### Cuts Off Own Leg

"I lay there and rested awhile and gathered my wits. I was still under fire and I knew I would have to do something. I studied about it quite a while and then pulled my sheath knife out and cut through the two tendons that were holding my leg on."

"I was able to crawl after that. I put the knife back in the sheath and finally made it to a company

aid man. I got fine treatment. They put a tourniquet on to stop the bleeding and gave me a sedative. Technician 4th Grade Nick Dana, of Chicago, was the man who did this for me. I am eternally grateful to him. He really did a good job for me."

"I gave the knife to another soldier in the shell hole where I was patched up. I didn't want it."

With the elimination of the two machinegun emplacements, the men of his platoon were able to proceed with the attack on schedule, knocking out the remaining position by flanking it, and going on to their objective.

"Sure, I wanted to go on," Sergeant Hall said. "I had gone that far and wanted to see it through. I told the aid man to fix me up so that I could continue the fight, but he said it was impossible."

As he was carried away, his comrades said they heard him complaining because he had not wiped out the third enemy nest.

He was a member of the Massachusetts National Guard and enlisted in the Regular Army in 1940. He was sent to Panama for training with the 33d Infantry Regiment. He later served at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Fort Dix, N. J., and Camp Blanding, Fla., with other Infantry units, before being sent overseas as a replacement in the 34th Infantry Division.

## MPs Kept Busy Processing PWs

(By T/4 Robert S. Robison)

WITH U. S. ARMY FORCES, in Germany.—The 99th Infantry Division crossed the Ert Canal and drove forward on the Cologne plain. The drive rolled forward so rapidly that the doughfeet overran many of the enemy positions and the prisoners began their trip to the rear. . . . I hung around the division PW cage and watched them being run through.

Processing PWs is a job for the MPs, and Sgt. Cy Lucas was running the works this afternoon. They came in from the regiments by the truckload, and lined up. Eight or ten at a time they laid all their belongings in front of them and were searched.

The piles in front of each man held the same collection of junk that you would find in any soldiers' belongings. The MPs checked all the papers and took the valuable ones, and anything that might be used for a weapon or signalling.

They were a strange collection . . . some had the Prussian face—thin lips, deep eyes, prominent nose and weak chin. But there were Slavs and Poles and all the subject peoples. The uniforms were nondescript. Only one or two men wore the once famous Jackboot.

They were questioned one by one. Some stood at attention, some were at ease, some nervous, some fright-

ened—all talked rather freely, and were full of information.

### SS Men Better Dressed

There were a few SS men, cleaner and better dressed than the rest. They were more thorough questioned. There was even a local police chief; he wore a uniform so he was brought in with the rest. Bald and nervous, he perspired freely. He was sent back to his work in a now-American town.

The planes droned overhead and

the artillery rumbled and blasted; the prisoners couldn't restrain an occasional glance at the sky as they shivered in the March wind.

Two officers came in. One of them waved and called to some of his men who were being hauled away—Sergeant Lucas called him on that, and he said no more to his men. He was rather cheerful, even while being searched, but his companion was a little befuddled.



—Signal Corps Photo  
HELMET AND RIFLE mark spot in ditch near Bitschoven, France, where a Yank infantryman of the 3rd Bn., 143rd Inf. Regt., 36th Division, gave his life during the new drive by the 7th Army.

## GI Fakes Tank Support To Capture 110 Nazis

WITH THE 2ND ARMORED DIVISION, in Germany.—Pvt. Woody Williams of Chester, Ill., a 23-year-old motorcycle rider for the 82nd Reconnaissance Group, proved this week that a fast-thinking GI is just as good as a column of tanks.

Williams' fast-thinking netted 110 German prisoners, complete with officers.

Detailed to round up a tank lost in the rear, Private Williams made a wrong turn and came to the outskirts of a village.

"I saw some Germans on a side road," Williams said. "It looked too late to turn back, so I went on. They wanted to surrender. I asked if there were any more in the village and they said yes, and they probably wanted to surrender, too."

I was pretty scared, but I had to bluff it out, so I told them they were surrounded and had better give up.

"They took me to the captain, and I told him the same thing. He took me to the commandant and he wanted to know if we had any Panzer divisions around. He said if we had he would surrender. So I said, 'Hell, yes,' they were all around the place."

"They told me to go get some tanks so they could surrender with honor. So I tore the hell out of there and started looking for a tank or anything. I found the 82nd group, got four tanks, and when we got back there they were, all lined up and ready to come quietly."

## Nazis, Eager To Become PWs, Literally Mob Yank Jeep Man

WITH THE 90TH DIVISION.—Transportation priorities are difficult everywhere.

On reconnaissance for an ammunition dump some distance from his unit headquarters, Pfc. Virgil Deere, Sheridan, Ark., jeep driver for the 358th Infantry, reached the crest of a hill in the road and came face to face with a German Tiger tank. Without hesitation, he swung quickly to the left, passed the tank and sped on his way.

A short distance farther on, however, Deere noted a Nazi armored column coming his way. Seeking a hasty exit, Deere tried to turn his vehicle around in the center of the road. Before he could complete the turn-about, a group of Germans burst out of adjacent bushes and

swarmed onto the jeep shouting "Kommerad."

Deere accepted seven of the passengers and returned to his headquarters, passing again the Tiger tank.

"You'd think, sir, I was running a taxi service," Deere reported to his commanding officer.

## Col. Williamson Has Command Of Edwards Hospital

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—A veteran of two-and-a-half years in the Pacific war theater, in charge of an Army general hospital in New Guinea, Col. Holland Williamson, MC, has taken over command of the Convalescent Hospital here. He replaces Lt. Col. George A. Gould, who has received another assignment.

Just prior to coming to this camp, Colonel Williamson made a tour of convalescent hospitals at Daytona Beach, Fla.; Camp Butner, N. C., and Camp Upton, N. Y.

## Blanding Soldier Wins Southeastern Army Arts Contest

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, 4th Service Command head, announces Sgt. Alfred Battaro, of Camp Blanding, as winner of the Southeastern State elimination in the nationwide Army Arts contest with his "Dummkopf," a descriptive poster of an American soldier carelessly stepping on a German booby trap.

Other winners were: oil paintings, "Winter Road," by Sgt. Henry M. Gasser, of Camp Croft, S. C.; photography, "Night Mission," by Capt. Agnew Fisher, Maxwell Field, Ala.; water color, "Waterfront," by Pvt. Millard T. Wells, Charleston Port of Embarkation, S. C.; mural design, by S/Sgt. Sante Graziani, Redistribution Station, Miami Beach; sculpture, "Nude," by Cpl. Peter P. Abate, 1075 AAF Base Unit, Miami Beach; drawing, "Tornado," by Sgt. Irving Wolfson, Maxwell Field, Ala., and print, "Dawn," by Sgt. George A. Schleuning, 3rd AFPO, Tampa, Fla.

National winners will be exhibited for six weeks this summer at the National Art Gallery, Washington.

## Jap Fire Doesn't Faze Swing Band

WITH THE 38th "CYCLONE" DIVISION, on Corregidor.—A small group of musicians from the 38th Division Band has brought American music back to Corregidor for the first time since the fall of the historic rock three years ago.

Only a hundred yards from the jam session, a battery of 38th Division mortars was firing, occasional machine gun fire could be heard in the distance, and Jap snipers fired several shots.



## Yank Speed At Trier Surprises German CO

WITH THE 10TH ARMORED "TIGER" DIVISION, in Germany. —The speed with which the 10th Armored "Tiger" Division roared into the strategically important city of Trier after crossing the Saar River came as a shock to the Germans defending the city—by their own admission.

The German commander of Trier, expressed his views on this subject during his interrogation following the capture of the city and its garrison of 4500. He precluded his observations with a general dis-

cussion of American military tactics—from his point of view:

"You Americans are very methodical and go by the book," the German commander declared. "You adhere to the French military school. While it is our principle to exploit ruthlessly to the greatest advantage our initial breakthrough, your approach is one of caution. When you have achieved a penetration or breakthrough and are later on slowed down by stiff resistance, you do not try to push on, regardless of losses, but try to soften up our infantry with terrific artillery barrages and the extensive use of fighter bombers."

The commander then applied this reasoning to the specific performance of the 10th:

### Not Too Surprised

"This, for instance, was evident at Pellingen when I could predict how long it would take you to enter the city of Trier," he said. "I estimated it would take you two days and my guess was correct. In fact, I was very much surprised that you did not take two towns in one day, something which, judging from our past experience, did not seem to be consistent with your usual tactics. Where in the hell did you learn that?"

The captured officer asserted that, while it had been "obvious" to him that after the breakthrough at Orscholz the next objective would be Trier, he had hoped to ward off the attack for at least three days. His orders, he said, had been to delay the fall of the city "until such time as would enable the high command to put a certain tactical plan into operation," but he did not reveal what this plan was. He declared that, in his opinion, higher headquarters "had wisely realized" that it was not worthwhile to put up a struggle for Trier, for two reasons: (1) Its geographical location and (2) the absence of any permanent fortifications which would make a prolonged defense feasible, as at Budapest, Poznan and Cracow. He pointed out that if Trier had been suitable for a fortress, such fortifications would have been built. He also stated that his troops were of a low caliber, unreliable, poorly trained and poorly led.

## Says His Platoon Is Automatic—It Just Runs Itself

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION, on Morotai.—"Mine is an automatic platoon—it runs itself," said recently-promoted 1st Lt. James R. Peterson, who belongs to one of the more rugged rifle companies of the 31st Infantry Division.

"On my last patrol—a three-day job—I doubt that I gave a single order. There was no need to. Whatever may happen, they know what to do. There's no occasion for a command; a tip-off is all that is required. The man that first senses trouble is the one that tips off the rest. Speech is not needed for communication among men that have served together so long as we. There've been few changes in the platoon in 18 months. We've prowled together over the mountains and swamps of New Guinea; made landings on Morotai and neighboring islands," the lieutenant observed.

"On this last operation we killed or captured 29 Japs. We did not suffer a single casualty except me. I had an acute attack of appendicitis and was operated on in an aid station. There was no general anesthetic available. The surgeon obligingly provided a mirror so that I could oversee the operation. One look was enough—the shedding of American blood affects me much more than the spilling of Jap blood," he confessed.

"After a month in the hospital, I am ready to join my platoon. It won't be hard for me; it's an easy job: that platoon runs itself."

## Gold Rush Lures Artillerymen

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT.—The lure of paydirt cast its ancient spell upon the Army last week when a party of intrepid soldiers in the Panama Coast Artillery Command turned prospectors in a GI gold rush at the Juan Diaz river, near Rio Abajo here.

Pure gold, although in small



PFC. FRED MICHEL  
Pie Pan of Pay Dirt



THEY'RE ON HUNT FOR PAYDIRT  
Some Didn't Wait To Take Off GI Brogans

quantities, was found by the safari which trekked through narrow jungle trails, laden with tin pie plates, shovels and rations, on an expedition sponsored by the USO here.

Although the almost microscopic specks of gold have a negligible monetary value, they were prized by the Coast Artillerymen. They preserved them in vials and envelopes as evidence of a unique off-duty adventure.

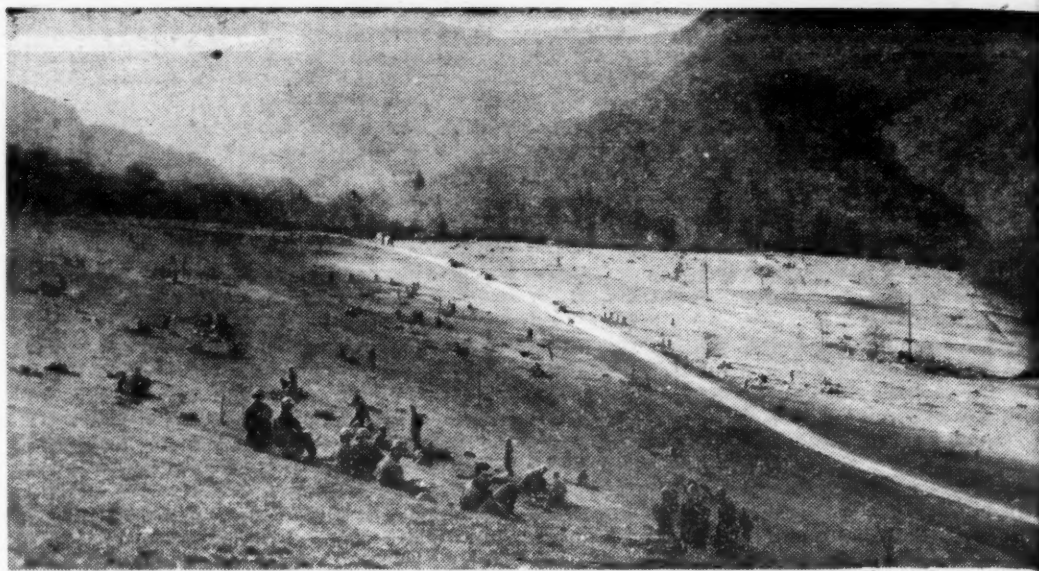
By day's end, the quest for gold became a sore-back derby. Hours of painstaking and back-aching application were required to flush the gold flakes out of the black silt which remained when the dirt from the banks of the Juan Diaz was filtered in the stream.

Juan Diaz river boasts rich de-

posits of magnetite, black silt which yields an abundance of gold flakes. The river runs through sparsely inhabited valleys deep in the Panamanian interior and woos the natives from their thatched huts on hilltops only when they wish to bathe.

The Coast Artillerymen panned for gold with no equipment save the pie plates which held the silt. They strained the dirt until all extraneous matter was eliminated by the rushing current, and the yellow specks glowed against the black iron ore in the strong sun.

In some sections of Panama natives are known to live off their gold panning proceeds, but according to the soldiers there are easier ways of earning an income.



RESTING ON A HILLSIDE, somewhere in Germany, Infantrymen of the 89th Division, Third Army, were waiting for the signal to make the now-historic crossing of the Moselle River.

## Honor Medal For Infantryman; Gave His Life To Save Buddies

WASHINGTON.—S/Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton, who gave his life by deliberately drawing the fire of a German machinegun so that others in his 120th Inf. Regt. of the 30th Infantry Division could advance safely through an enemy strong-point, has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

Sergeant Pendleton, a former lumber mill worker in Yakima, Wash., sacrificed his life last Oct. 12 when his company was advancing into Bardenberg, Germany. When more than half way through the town, the company was pinned down by heavy fire from a cleverly emplaced nest of German machineguns.

"The company fought its way into the town against strong German infantry opposition which was supported by 16 half-tracks and eight tanks, 1st Lt. Francis L. Herbert, of Lexington, Miss., Sergeant Pendleton's platoon leader, reported. "Continued advance against these positions would have resulted in heavy losses, and, realizing this, Sergeant Pendleton volunteered to lead his squad against a machinegun position that had to be liqui-

dated before the main machinegun defenses could be taken.

"Sergeant Pendleton crawled about 30 feet in front of his men and had gone about 130 yards when he was struck in the leg by the machinegun fire. He ordered his men to remain behind and deliberately worked his way ahead. He had no hope of surviving that deadly fire for he held the attention of all the German machinegunners.

"Even with the fire of the ma-

chineguns concentrated on him, he reached to within ten yards of the protecting machinegun position before he was struck by a burst and instantly killed. A platoon then advanced on the main machinegun position and eliminated the nest."

Arrangements are being made for presentation of the medal to Sergeant Pendleton's mother, Mrs. Dora Pendleton, who resides in Yakima.

## Hoffman Circus Scores Hit At Belvoir; Closes Sunday

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—For the first time in the history of Fort Belvoir, a circus big top was pitched here this week.

That Fort Belvoir Special Service Branch hit the bullseye in its booking of the Hoffman Circus is attested by the crowds attending each performance, and it's estimated that when the engagement closes this Sunday night the show will have played to 70,000 soldiers and civilians.

Ed. Hoffman, a Spanish-American War veteran and who was overseas 22 months in World War I, has assembled an exceptional program of entertainment, with 100 people including some foremost circus stars and 75 trained animals. His 44 years in the business showed up in the quality of the acts, which have been praised in many military camps, including Davis, Pickett, Butner, Lejeune, Parris Island, Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Cherry Point.

With all profits used for the benefit of enlisted men and women of the Army, wherever they are serving, the Hoffman Circus has been voted "tops of the big tops" with the mili-

tary, and the two performances to-night and the two closing shows Sunday are expected to attract record crowds at the streamlined prices of 15 cents for military personnel and children and 25 cents for adult civilians.

## Free Haircuts, Shines, Page 1 News In Abadan

ABADAN, Iran.—The Abadan Dust-Rag, 6-weeks-old publication of the men of the 1266th AAF Base Unit, NAFF, ATC, tops off eight pages of lively news this week with the announcement that hereafter haircuts and shoeshines will be free to base personnel.

It's "a clean sweep from head to toe" for the Abadan men and rates a front page spot in the enlarged edition of the Dust-Rag.

The paper, now in mimeographed form, carries cartoons, sports, humor and spot news and keeps the men on the jump with contests. It is edited by T/Sgt. Carl B. Skytte with the help of a constantly growing editorial staff.

## Men Bathe In Nude, Can't Send Pix Of Decontaminator Shower

HQ. 41ST DIVISION, in the Philippines.—After three years of Pacific campaigning the 41st Infantry Division has found a new, and novel, method of bringing shower baths to the battle-begrimed, weary frontline infantrymen during combat.

Through eight assault-invasions the 41st carried along a four-ton Chemical Warfare vehicle designed

to decontaminate areas subjected to mustard gas by an enemy. It has never been used.

So the idle decontaminating truck was water-filled and driven to a sheltered defilade just back of the front. As the infantrymen were relieved of duty and came back for a rest they stripped and passed through the streams of cool spray.

The vehicle rolls all day from rear water points to the battle lines, and it has been found that 700 men can get a satisfying daily shower which in the past has been impossible.

(Pro Note: A picture of the proceedings would be presented as proof of the innovation, save that the 41st veterans undergo their ablutions without benefit of bathing suits.)

## Dad In Navy, Twins Named Iwo and Jima

WASHINGTON.—The fact that George Johnson, negro, is in the Navy, probably had something to do with the names given to twin boys born to his wife, Mrs. Martha Johnson, here this week.

Their names—Iwo and Jimo.



# AAF Brings Program To Schools

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WASHINGTON.—Evidencing the tremendous advancement of aviation and the important part it will occupy in the postwar readjustment program is the announcement by the War Department that the Army Forces' Educational Demonstration Program is making available aircraft equipment and material to non-profit educational institutions. Equipment valued at approximately \$16,815,000 has been turned over to non-profit schools in almost every State in the Union in the last five months. This includes assignment of equipment, valued at \$9,446,000, to schools formerly engaged in AAF training.

The AAF has established nine area teams to cover the various States throughout the country. Each team is made up of military personnel having had past educational experience. All were former instructors in the AAF Training Com-

## Mock Trial Teaches Soldiers Procedure For Courts-Martial

ANTILLES DEPARTMENT.—The mock trial adopted by law schools to teach aspiring lawyers the fundamentals of justice has been used by the Antilles Department to show soldiers in Trinidad how military justice operates.

A sergeant was made the defendant, charged with being AWOL, drunk, disorderly and out of uniform—each a violation of an Article of War (the Army's code of justice). Other soldiers and a civilian were witnesses, as officers—counselors for prosecution and the defense—cross-examined those testifying and conducted the mock trial in accordance with regular court-martial procedure.

The defendant was permitted to state his case and then to be cross-examined by his own and the prosecuting attorneys. After the presentation and a rebuttal the accused was found guilty and sentenced.

## Praises Blanding Off-Duty Classes

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Education facilities at Camp Blanding are on a par with the best anywhere, according to Maj. George Howard, education officer of the 4th Service Command, Atlanta, Ga., who left the post last week after a week's inspection tour and series of conferences relating to information and education.

Major Howard expressed his satisfaction with the enthusiasm and work done in the off-duty classes held here, and the steadily increasing interest and enrollment in United States Armed Forces Institute courses.

## Arnold Confers With General Ike

PARIS.—It was disclosed this week that Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Air Forces, had arrived in France, where he has begun conferences with General Eisenhower.

It has been suggested unofficially that the two five-star generals may be discussing the transfer of some of the American Air Force from Europe, in the light of the fact that Germany's defeat appears to be in sight.

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mand, and in civilian life were engaged in the field of education.

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Every State Superintendent of Education will be asked to aid the AAF's representative in developing an itinerary, in making initial contact with the superintendent of schools of cities chosen as central points, and in inviting secondary school, college and university representatives, in their allocated sec-



—Signal Corps Photo

**MUSICAL SCORES** for Easter services for the nurses and medical officers of the 307th General Hospital unit at Fort Benning, Ga., were composed by Capt. Philip F. Bond while his organization was in bivouac. Captain Bond formerly was a basso profundo of the San Carlos Opera Company and made his home in New York.

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tion, to attend the conference and exhibition.

Educational agencies agree that the AAF's training experience should not be lost to civilian educators. However, the plan is not designed to force any educational program upon the educational field. The utilization of training aids and teaching techniques will be presented to take or leave, as they wish.

The plan has been approved by the U. S. Office of Education and the Pre-Induction Training Division of the Army Service Forces.

## Sarge Studies Law In Between PGC Duties, Passes Bar Exams

KHORRAMSHAR, Iran.—Overseas duty in a strange land far from home didn't prevent Sgt. Arthur V. Zelezinski, of Chicago, from passing the Illinois State bar examination.

Sergeant Zelezinski, a member of Company C, 788th MP Battalion of the Persian Gulf Command, recently was notified by the Illinois State Board of Bar Examiners that he had successfully passed the bar examinations he took last fall in this port.

What's more, the board wrote Sergeant Zelezinski that he was the first member of the armed forces overseas to receive his license to practice law in Illinois.

A month after he was graduated from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, in December, 1942, Zelezinski was inducted into the Army. After six months training in the U. S., he came overseas to the Persian Gulf Command.

Promptly, the Chicagoan wrote home for his law books. Of the nine books that were sent him, three finally arrived. He studied them constantly in his off duty time. Then he asked the Judge Advocate General's office here to help him obtain the bar exams. The judge advocate wrote the Illi-

nois board, which promptly sent the exams. An officer supervised the examinations, which were returned to Illinois as soon as Zelezinski completed his answers.

Now the Chicagoan is ready to hang out his shingle—just as soon as he is mustered out of the Army.

WITH THE 33RD DIVISION, in the Philippines.—Occasionally in dry Army reports there bobs up a bit of humor that helps to break the monotony of an otherwise uninteresting war.

Such was the case in a report received by Lt. Mike Donahce, of Dowagiac, Mich., of the CIC office from one of his field representatives, which read as follows:

"Information obtained from local citizens is now being stamped with the new 'seal' of the Agoo CIC office.

"This seal was found in the office

of the interned puppet mayor and consists of two well-fed bulls. It was probably used by the ex-mayor in stamping communiques announcing Jap victories."

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# War Hero Is Ball Fans' Favorite

## Oklahoma Aggies Win National Cage Crown

NEW YORK. — The battle of the giants failed to materialize as George Mikan fouled out after 14 minutes of play and the Oklahoma Aggies went on to their first national basketball championship with a 52-44 win over DePaul.

The Aggies had everything their own way after Mikan fouled out and his rival, Bob Kurland, took over the heavy-duty feeding and back-board covering.

Before Mikan left the game the two rivals had been on even footing. The DePaul star had hit

for nine points and Kurland for eight.

After that 7-foot Bob split the netting for only six more as he began to feed Cecil Hankins, who ended up the evening with 20 points.

The game, which netted the Red Cross \$50,000, was rough with 41 fouls called. Kurland survived the roughing and set the pace in a second-half drive by feeding his teammates and controlling the ball off the back-boards.

It was DePaul's show in the opening period, holding a 21-16 lead when Mikan went to the showers. Picking up the Aggies they managed to keep down the scoring and still held a 26-21 lead at the half time.

In the second half Aggies showed a new defense which stopped DePaul for five minutes which was long enough for them to go into a 30-26 lead, from which they were never headed.

The victory squared accounts for the Aggies as DePaul had beat them by a two-point margin earlier in the season.

## Hard Wallop Brings Crown To Devens GI

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Prize-fight managers, with optics focused on the "Pot o' Gold" that will reward the man uncovering a heavy fit to cope with Joe Louis, may become excited over a new sensation, Cpl. Edwin Wagner, of Devens Training Center.

Wagner not only copped the New England amateur heavyweight title,

BOSTON.—Cpl. Edwin Wagner, of Fort Devens, was eliminated from the National A. A. U. boxing championships without even donning a glove when he admitted he was a "pro."

It was believed the first time in the 56-year history of the classic that a pro had been found among the entries after the fighting actually was under way.

thereby winning the coveted George V. Brown Memorial Trophy, but he did it in a style so sensational that it attracted wide attention. He knocked his three opponents cold in the space of five rounds. He kayoed his first man in the first; his second man in the second, and his third opponent refused to come out for the second round.

Wagner, 24 years old, 6 foot 7 inches and weighing 265 pounds, came into the Army in Chicago, where he had established himself as a fighter with 26 wins in 27 fights. He has been in the amateur game five years. At Devens, he had engaged in two open-air bouts, winning both by first-round knock-outs.

Boston writers commented enthusiastically on Wagner's prowess. One said he is "the greatest looking prospect to ever set foot in a Boston ring"; another said he is "a fighter capable of recognition for the professional heavyweight title," while a third inquired: "Where has he been hiding?"

## 'Most Valuable Player' Award Won By Sinkwich

CHICAGO. — Frankie Sinkwich, powerful Detroit Lions' quarterback, this week stepped into the shoes of Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears when he was adjudged the National Football League's most valuable player in 1944 to win the Joe E. Carr trophy.

Fireball Frankie shaded Don Hutson, veteran Green Bay end and winner of the Carr award in 1941 and 1942, by two points in the balloting of 17 sports writers in 10 league cities. Luckman won the trophy for 1943.

Hutson and Sinkwich split 12 first-place votes, but the former Georgia star picked up four second-place ballots, while the Packer pass-grabber received only three.

Five other players received votes. They were Bill Paschal, ground-

gaining champion for two seasons, and Halfback Ward Cuff, both of the New York Giants; Quarterback LeRoy Zimmerman of the Philadelphia Eagles; Passing Champion Frank Filchock of the Washington Redskins, and Fullback Johnny Grigas of the Chicago-Pittsburgh team.

### Stars For Chaffee

CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark.—With an eye on the 8th Service Command title, Personnel Center has a ball team which includes S/Sgt. Witt O. Guise, former Cincinnati Reds pitcher; S/Sgt. William R. Glenn, who caught for Louisville, American Association; Cpl. James McLeod, Baltimore Orioles infielder, and Sgt. Kennon Black, with Albany.



ARMIES FOUGHT but a few weeks ago on this French ground where Pvt. Helen E. Sellers, of Claremore, Okla., and Cpl. Emma D. Newell, of Charlotte, N. C., were assigned to a Field Headquarters of the First Army, now pitch horseshoes as relaxation during lunch hour.

## Byrnes Says Okay, Vinson Says Don't Know, Gee-Gees Still Loaf

WASHINGTON.—Horsemen gave at least three cheers when War Mobilizer Byrnes told them they could light up the tote boards after V-E Day.

The cheers turned to questions when Director Byrnes resigned and the questions to gulps when his successor, Judge Vinson, said he hadn't made up his mind on racing.

So racing is right back where it started on Jan. 1, the horses are in the pasture, the horsemen in Washington and the bookies trying to figure out how they can get action on British horse racing.

Byrnes' announcement led sports followers to predict that there would be a gradual easing on sports restrictions. The defeat of the manpower bill also contributed to that feeling. And now, only Vinson has to be heard from.

In the meantime, tracks began to get ready in case the bugle tootles for them. In California, Florida and Louisiana track operators are trying to find some way of salvaging a little racing.

In Kentucky, Illinois, New York, Maryland and Massachusetts track operators are guessimating dates and getting plants in shape for the big days, if and when they arrive.

Col. Matt Winn, recently reelected

president of the American Turf Association, said the Kentucky Derby would be run about a month after the lifting of the ban. Pimlico officials said the Preakness would also be run, and at the same time started checking possible dates for Pimlico, Laurel, Havre de Grace and Bowie.

Although no plans have been formulated in New York it is understood that combined meets would be held if possible again this year.

American horsemen are certain of one thing—the fans want racing. In war-torn England the flat racing season got under way at Royal Ascot Park, 20 miles from London.

Over 20,000 fans, wearing khaki

## Nelson Captures 7th Tournament Of Winter Tour

DURHAM, N. C.—Byron Nelson won his seventh tournament of the winter tour, more than any other golfer in history, by taking the Durham \$5000 Open last Sunday with a sizzling five under par 65 on the final round.

He ended with a record 72-hole total of 276 on the tricky Hope Valley Country Club course.

Another Ohioan, Toney Penna of Dayton, finished second with a 281. Jim Guantt of Ardmore, Okla., with a 282, nosed out Detroit's Sammy Byrd for third place.

Nelson won \$100 in war bonds for first place.

## There'll Be Racing Tomorrow—It'll Be Whippets At Meade

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md.—Half a hundred sleek and fast whippets, Maryland's finest racing dogs among them, will be entered in a dog derby on the main post parade grounds, Sunday, April 8.

Running on a 200-yard straight-away turf course, the dogs will give Meade soldiers their second glimpse of the ancient, little publicized sport. Last December, the Whippet Breeders Association of Maryland staged a meet here and agreed at that time to bring the dogs back for another appearance.

and blue, ate basket lunches and guessed wrong on seven horses in ten races as only three favorites won.

American horsemen echoed Chicago Cpl. Mike Montalto's remarks, "I don't get it—why they race here and not in the United States."

## 'Bulldozers' Win Italy Cage Title

FLORENCE, Italy. — Mediterranean Theater basketball championship was captured here by the 21st Aviation Engineer Bulldozers when they upset the favored 321st Medium Bomber Group of the 12th Air Forces by a score of 54-43.

Both teams will now compete in the tournament at Cairo, starting April 9, in which the Persian Gulf, Africa and Mideast champions will play.

## Bookie Favors Browns And Cards To Repeat

WASHINGTON. — In pre-season major league baseball wagering, the two St. Louis teams are made favorites to repeat. James J. Carroll, St. Louis betting commissioner, is quoting the Cards at 4-5 and the Browns 8-5.

Here are the quotations: National League—Cardinals, 4-5; Pittsburgh, 3-1; Cincinnati, 4-1; New York, 10-1; Boston, 25-1; Brooklyn, 25-1; Philadelphia, 25-1; Chicago, 25-1.

American League—Browns, 8-5; Detroit, 2-1; New York, 4-1; Philadelphia, 5-1; Cleveland, 10-1; Boston, 15-1; Washington, 25-1; Chicago, 25-1.

Cyril Buker, who quit his war job at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to join the Dodgers in training, has been reclassified from 4-F to 1-A. . . . Kreevich, Browns' outfielder, left his war job and was immediately grabbed for the Navy. . . . Following medical re-examination, Charley Metro and Harold Peck, of the A's, were notified their 4-F classifications remained unchanged. . . . Rick Ferrell, specialist in knuckleball catch-

## Fans Buzz As Nats Sign Up Lt. Sheppard

WASHINGTON. — A war hero may play a most important dual role in the approaching major league baseball season. He may serve as an inspiration to his fellow-wounded in showing them that war disabilities are not insurmountable, and he may prove a magnet in awakening a dormant baseball public and attracting patrons to baseball parks.

Lt. Bert Sheppard, who lost a leg when shot down on a bomber mission over Germany a year ago, may make national game history in his first season in the majors. Signed merely as a coach by the Washington Nats because of an artificial leg, the lieutenant in practice has shown such fielding prowess, and acquitted himself so well in his one inning of service on the mound at Fort Monroe, Va., that fans may insist they be given opportunity to see him in action.

While Clark Griffith and Manager Bluege are reported impressed by Sheppard's promising ability they are said to have mapped out a program that will have the lieutenant as a coach and batting practice pitcher until May 15. Then Sheppard will be placed on the playing roster and will be fully tested as a relief pitcher.

### Will Be Drawing Card

Griffith is not unmindful of the drawing powers of Sheppard. Sports writers in all major cities are tub-thumping for the one-legged war hero. He has had worlds of publicity, and is certain to get a big play wherever the Nats are scheduled. It's the sort of dope that excites a war-minded public, and should keep the turnstiles from becoming rusty.

And for his own baseball future, Lieutenant Sheppard could not have made a better choice of a team than the Washington Nats, baseball men contend. He will be close to Under Secretary of War Patterson, who first sponsored his return to baseball, and he will go through his major league apprenticeship under guidance of "Old Fox" Griffith, who carried on for many years as a pitcher solely on "guts" and who therefore knows how very important is such courage as Sheppard possesses.

One of the early reactions to the signing is the suggestion by Fred J. Bendel, of the Newark News, that every major league club should have at least one player who has lost a limb in military service.

### Was Coast Leaguer

PECOS FIELD, Tex.—A/C Elmer Mallory, assured of the second sack for Pecos, was with Coast League Angels 1940-'43 and was farmed out to the Texas, Three I and Western Association. Mallory was scouted while playing with Oregon University.



# Army Trains Coaches For Postwar Sports Program

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy. — A central sports school for United States troops in the Mediterranean Theater opened in Rome last Monday under the supervision of Special Service, MTOUSA, with prominent American athletic personalities on the faculty. Maj. Jack H. Bridwell, Acting U. S. Army Special Service Officer in this theater, announces.

The purpose of the school, scheduled to continue for three months, is to provide a refresher course in athletics for officers and enlisted men who will serve as coaches and instructors in a postwar sports program designed to begin operation immediately after the end of hostilities with Germany.

"The school will not affect or interfere materially with the duty over a long period of time of any of the officers and enlisted men who attend," Major Bridwell said. "Men detailed to the school will be properly trained and screened; thereby establishing a known and qualified roster of technicians available at any time needed."

Dr. Seward C. Staley, Director of the School of Physical Education at the University of Illinois, who is one of eight civilian athletic consultants who have arrived in the theater to aid Army officials in the school, has been named athletic administrator for the program.

Members of the faculty, who, in addition to the school director are setting up the first series of classes, are Maj. E. Al Baggett, Officer in Charge of the Athletic Branch, U. S. Army Special Service Section, Mediterranean Theater, Commandant; Maj. Roy E. Pille, 85th Division Special Service Officer, Assistant Commandant, and H. W. Hargies, track and field coach at the University of Kansas.

Major Baggett, for nearly 10 years Professor of Health and Physical Education at West Texas State College, Canyon, Tex., coached the "tallest basketball team in the world" and planned and supervised the construction of a \$550,000 athletic plant, built entirely through donations.

Hargies, one-time assistant coach and head scout for the professional

Brooklyn Dodgers Football Club, guided the collegiate track career of Glenn Cunningham.

Major Baggett said that during the months of April, May and June, six classes will be held each school term, continuing for 12 days with a minimum of seven hours of instruction daily. A minimum number of 60 students—half enlisted men and half officers—will attend each class.

Major Baggett explained that major commands and base sections have been given definite quotas calling for a specific type of personnel to fill each class.

In addition to Dr. Staley and Hargies, civilian instructors include Cecil F. Isbell, Purdue University football coach, who skyrocketed to gridiron renown as a Purdue All-American and later as half of the

Isbell-to-Don Hutson passing combination with the Green Bay Packers; Dean Nesmith, Athletic Trainer at the University of Kansas; Ethan Allen, former major league baseball star who "invented" the all-star game between the American and National Leagues; George T. White, Secretary of the New England Officials' Association; Howard Hobson, basketball coach at the University of Oregon, and William J. (Billy) Cavanagh, famous United States Military Academy boxing mentor.

The course of study for the central sports school will include the organization and administration of Army athletics, with emphasis being placed on mass participation; technical aspects of sports and games, and the training of officials and athletic trainers.

## Gen. Plays Ball With Men; Says They Got Him Star

TEHERAN, Iran.—A general who plays basketball and softball with his men and quite frankly credits

S. Besson, Jr., youngest Army Ground or Service Forces general in the Army.

When the 34-year-old Besson received word that the Senate had confirmed his nomination, he sat right down and wrote a letter to the men of the Transportation Corps' 3rd Military Railway Service, which he commands on the vital Persian Gulf Command supply line to the U.S.S.R. The letter, published in the 3rd MRS' paper "The Red Ball," was brief and to the point:

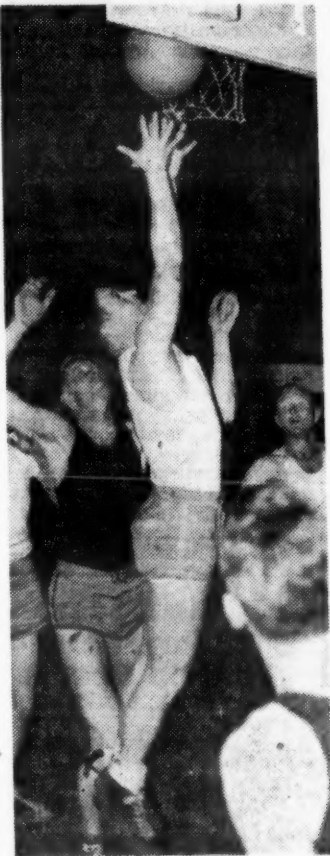
"Many of you men, stymied by lack of 'T/O' (Table of Organization which allots grades for each Army unit) vacancies, are doing work which calls for a higher grade," the general wrote. "In spite of failure to receive deserved promotion, you have never failed to do more than required in delivering goods to Russia."

"It is paradoxical that your outstanding successful performance has resulted in rewarding—not yourselves—but me."

"I have no illusions about who has earned the promotion I have received. I realize that my good fortune is a by-product of your desire to get this job done, to get the war over and to get back home."

"While I appreciate the fact that I owe my promotion to the work of you men in the Railway Service, I am nevertheless mighty happy to be a Brigadier General—and I thank you all sincerely for the honor you have bestowed upon me."

Such straight from the shoulder talk has made the youthful general tremendously popular with the ruggedly individualistic railroaders he has commanded since he became director of the 3rd MRS last May. Many of the enlisted men under his command, old-time railroaders from roads throughout the U. S., are years older than Besson.



PLAYS WITH THE BOYS

them with obtaining for him his new star—that's Brig. Gen. Frank

## ATC Team Wins Wac Cage Tourney

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Italy.—Concluding a season of basketball for members of the Women's Army Corps in Italy and North Africa, during the course of which 14 teams engaged in inter-company competition with 280 women participating in the season's play, the four district winners met

in a tournament staged in an Italian city to decide the championship of the Mediterranean Theater.

Tourney winner was the ATC team from North Africa, which beat the "Small Frys," of the AAF, stationed in Italy, by a score of 23-22.

Opposing each other in this final game were two Wac commanding officers—Capt. Mary Fry, of Richmond, Va., forward with the "Small Frys," and Capt. Jo Ann Mann, of Milwaukee, guard for ATC.

The "Max Wax," a postal company with Allied Force Headquarters, defeated the "Blak Flaks," of the 12th Air Forces, for third place.

## Laredo Opens Soon

LAREDO FIELD, Tex.—The All-Stars open the baseball season with Corpus Christi Naval Training Station here April 12. Waldron Field comes April 13, Kingsville on the 14th and Laughlin Field on the 15th.

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## Army Also Frees Boxer Willie Pep

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., featherweight boxer, holds the distinction of being the first big-name sport figure to hold a discharge from both branches of the armed forces in the same war.

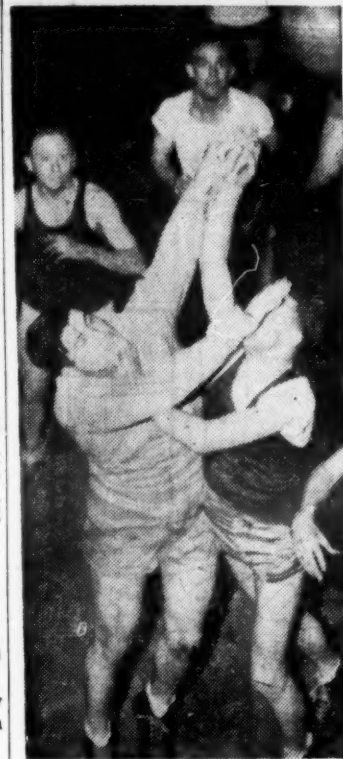
Because of a punctured eardrum, Pep, after seven months' service was given a medical discharge by the Navy in February, 1944. He immediately busied at his profession of punch exchanging. Eleven months after the Navy let him out, the Army called him for service in January; sent him here March 20, and gave him a medical discharge a few days ago.

## Star Players For Mather Golf Team

MATHER FIELD, Calif.—Pfc. Verne Callison, PT instructor and golfer, announces Mather will have a strong golf team this year. Coached by Callison, assisted by Pfc. Jack "Tap-tap" Hays, the club will include Cpl. Ed Wysowski, former Kewanee, Ill., pro, who was rated one of the brightest prospects among the young pros of the nation by Paul Runyon; Maj. Nelson Davies, former manager of the Miami Biltmore Hotel and course manager there; Cpl. Pete Mazille, New York tournament star, and Pfc. Frank Hannon, Illinois pro golfer.

## Opens Season

AVON PARK FIELD, Fla.—Lt. Carmen Fognano, pilot of the Bombers, announces baseball season opens here April 11 with Fort Pierce Naval Base.



—Air Forces Photo

FRIENDLY ENEMIES are these players in a basketball game at Harvard Field, Neb. Player in the dark jersey seems to be getting the works" from his opponents, with one shoving him in the face and the other from the rear.

## Shift Joe Louis To Fox Hills As Morale Booster

FOX HILLS TERMINAL, Stapleton, N. Y.—Joe Louis, undefeated world heavyweight champion and now a sergeant, staged his first boxing show here yesterday with the help of three others assigned with him to assist in accelerating the athletic program of the post.

Louis was moved here from Camp Shanks after a wave of minor crimes led officials to believe that an increased athletic program would tend to alleviate the situation. The post is used to train Negro soldiers as port companies to do stevedoring and related duties.

Assigned with Louis were Pvs. Pete Scalzo and Mello Bettina, boxers, and Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, a flight referee.

## Acorns Given Scare

MCCLELLAN FIELD, Calif.—Despite only two practice sessions, the Commanders were in grand trim against the Oakland Coast League Acorns, a fumble in the ninth enabling the Coasters to tie, and the winning run of a 6-5 score coming in the eleventh.

## With Black Yankees

LANGLEY FIELD, Va.—Stationed at the radar school here is Pvt. Robert N. Hall, former star outfielder of the Black Yankees of the Negro National League. He holds a lifetime batting mark of .368. When peace comes again he hopes to own his own ball team.

## Sioux City Hopeful

SIOUX CITY AB, Ia.—Lt. Sever J. Toretti, PT officer, has 50 men working out for the ball team, and he's hopeful.



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## Will Not Change Design Of Service Buttons For Vets

WASHINGTON.—World War II Service Buttons, issued to honorably discharged veterans of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, will not be changed in design or size, the War Department announces.

In the strictest sense, the button is not a "discharge" button, since it is issued to men and women who either have been honorably discharged or have been transferred to an inactive status, following active service since Sept. 8, 1939, with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or as officers or enrolled members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard have established the policy of issuing buttons specifically to indicate discharge from the service, but the Army has established no such policy.

The service button originally was designed to be worn in the lapel button-hole of a coat, but it is now available optionally in metal with a clasp pin back.

Any honorably discharged man or woman who has not been furnished the authorized allowance of the emblems or button may obtain them by presenting evidence of honorable

discharge or separation from the service to the nearest post, camp, or station commander authorized to issue them.

## Belshazzar Feast Staged At Carson For Returned GIs

CAMP CARSON, Colo.—Feasts in the Babylonian days had nothing on the party recently staged by the Hdqrs. Det. at a get-acquainted affair for returned overseas veterans now at ASF convalescent hospital. At the Winter Gardens, men and their guests consumed 15 gallons of punch, 60 cases of beer, 165 pounds of turkey, 100 pounds of ham, 18 gallons of potato salad, 3 gallons of ripe olives, 2 gallons of green olives, 2 gallons of pickles, 20 pounds of tomatoes, 600 rolls and 14 pounds of cheese.

The party cost about \$700 and after all the food was consumed there was bowling and dancing.

## Speedy Evacuation Of Wounded Impresses Gen. Davis On Tour

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—Brig. Gen. Addison D. Davis has resumed command here after an absence of several months during which he made an observation tour of front line medical installations in both the Mediterranean and European theaters of war.

Purpose of the tour, on which General Davis was accompanied by Col. Earle D. Quinnell, director of the equipment laboratory here, was to observe both equipment and training with a view to improvements which could be instituted at the Carlisle Barracks Medical Field Service School where medical officers receive their training, and the equipment laboratory at Carlisle Barracks, where items of medical equipment are designed and tested.

General Davis expressed himself as being extremely pleased with the calibre of work done by medical troops in all theaters of war. The general remarked especially on the speed of evacuation, which enabled a wounded man to be at a clearing station or an evacuation hospital receiving all the benefits of modern surgical and medical care within two and three hours after he was initially wounded.

# Army Lists Precedence Order In Decorations And Service Medals

WASHINGTON.—Deeds of high valor in the field of battle have been rewarded in all wars. So have those military achievements which, though not gallantry in action, helped pave the path to victory. Recognized also has been honorable service not distinguished by acts above and beyond the call of duty.

Awards for all these are made by the War Department, acting for the President of the United States. In addition, in time of war or peace it takes note of heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy and of a soldier's good conduct over a period of years.

These awards take the form of decorations and service medals. Recognition also is extended by promotions on the battlefield, by written commendations, and, in case of enlisted men, by an increase of pay of \$2 per month when the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, or the Soldier's Medal is won.

The Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Medical Badge are awarded in recognition of exemplary proficiency in those tasks which are characteristic of an individual's branch of service or in recognition of ability proved in combat. The Combat Infantryman Badge entitles its holder to \$10 additional pay each month. The Expert Infantryman Badge entitles its holder to \$5 additional pay each month. No additional pay is authorized for the Medical Badge.

In December, 1942, authority to award decorations other than the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit and Medal for Merit was delegated to the commanders of field forces in order that presentation might be as nearly coincidental as possible with the act of heroism warranting the award. Not more than one of the several decorations will be awarded for the same act of heroism or extraordinary achievement. The Purple Heart, however, may be awarded posthumously, or for a wound received during the act for which a person has received or may receive another decoration. In the case of posthumous awards, presentation of the decoration is made to the next of kin.

The Medal of Honor is worn pendant from the ribbon placed around the neck and inside the coat collar, the medal proper hanging over the necktie near the collar.

Other decorations are worn in order of precedence on the left breast in order from right to left

of the wearer about four inches below the middle point of the top of the shoulder, in one or more lines; when more than one line is worn, the lines will overlap.

When the medals are represented by ribbons, that for the Medal of Honor will be on the right of the top line. Service medals, or their ribbons follow decorations in order of the date of the service performed, with the Good Conduct Medal worn on the left of all service medals. Oak Leaf Clusters, which represent an additional citation, are worn on the ribbon of the appropriate decoration. Bronze battle stars are affixed to the service ribbon for the campaign to which they pertain; where a service medal is worn, battle clasps, naming the action, are attached to the ribbon on which the medal is appended.

The War Department on Thursday announced the following revised listing in order of precedence on decorations:

- Rank of Awards for Valor**
1. Medal of Honor—For gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.
  2. Distinguished Service Cross—For extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy.
  3. Silver Star—For gallantry in

action. (Junior D. S. C.)

4. Distinguished Flying Cross—For heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

5. Soldier's Medal—For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy.

6. Bronze Star—Heroic or meritorious service against an enemy not involving aerial flight.

7. Purple Heart—Wounds received in action against an enemy of the U. S.

**Rank of Awards for Achievement**

1. Distinguished Service Medal—Exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility.

2. Legion of Merit for Military Personnel—For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. (Junior D. S. M.)

3. Distinguished Flying Cross—For heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

4. Bronze Star Medal—For heroic or meritorious service against an enemy not involving aerial flight.

5. Air Medal—For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

6. Good Conduct Medal for EM—For exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

## Staten Island Crime Wave Blamed On Lax Discipline

NEW YORK.—The Richmond County Grand Jury advised Judge Thomas J. Walsh this week that the recent outbreak of crime in Staten Island was caused by a breakdown in military discipline and morale among the soldiers attached to the Fox Hills cantonment at Stapleton. The grand jury said that the condition was brought about by the fact that the Army attempted to direct, supervise and run the Fox Hills terminal from the Port of Embarkation in Stapleton without a commanding officer on the Fox Hills post.

"We also find that the recreation-

al facilities for the troops stationed at the post were practically nonexistent, that the men had no place within the cantonment to congregate and amuse themselves and consequently roamed the streets of the community," the grand jury reported after an investigation.

(The Army has since assigned Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and two other boxers to the post to boost morale. The first boxing show was staged on Friday.)

Two Negro soldiers from the cantonment are under indictment for robbery in the first degree and assault in the second degree. Judge Walsh denied the application of the Army to have the men turned over to military authorities for trial.

In its report, the grand jury said the Negro troops at Fox Hills were without proper supervision, that rules covering passes and furloughs were "very lax," that no proper rules were made for ascertaining what men were out of the camp, and that the MP staff patrolling the community was inadequate and improperly trained.

## Puts His 3 Years Back Pay In Bonds To Help Beat Japs

NORTHINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ala.—Would you give three years' hard-earned pay to help a guy get a crack at the Japs?

That's exactly what Cpl. Howard G. Hall, of Birmingham and Haleyville, did after he'd received \$1510.05 of Army pay, which accumulated during 33 months he spent in a Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan. He turned the entire amount over to his brother, Judge O. B. Hall of Birmingham, and said, "Buy me all the War Bonds you can, 'cause it'll help some guys shoot the Nips right out of the Pacific."

## Delayed Kraut Shooting For Spec Cleaning

WITH THE 44TH DIVISION, 7TH ARMY.—Pfc. Philip Cavallone, of Chicago, a Company "H", 114th Infantry, machine-gunner, has weak eyes, so when any close work is called for he pulls out his strong GI lenses.

One day his assistant gunner nudged him and cried: "There's a couple of Jerries heading this way."

Cavallone took no chances. He pulled out his glasses, blew on them, wiped them off with a clean handkerchief, bent over and examined his gun sights, while the assistant was jumping with impatience.

Cavallone made another adjustment of his sights, then squeezed off a short burst. The two Jerries dropped. When his company men dashed out they found that he had accounted for a German captain and first sergeant.

Cavallone was still in his foxhole cleaning and carefully stowing away his glasses.

"Can't take a chance with these," he said, calmly. "Gotta have 'em for reading letters from home."



—Signal Corps Photo

FIGHTING BROTHERS, wounded by the same "Bouncing Betty" mine in Germany, Privates Kenneth and Charlie Meyerhoff, of Ramsey, N. J., are doing all right under the care of Lt. Anne M. at the Army General Hospital at Camp Pickett, Va. Inducted together last August, the Meyerhoffs trained together at Fort McClellan, Ala., shipped overseas together as replacements and were assigned to the same squad in a Seventh Army Infantry Division.

## Highly Qualified Army Men Chosen For Economy Job

BRADLEY BEACH, N. J.—That the Army has the most qualified men in its line-up behind the giant task of procuring Signal Corps equipment and settling unfinished war contracts is evident by a survey taken of the military personnel at the Monmouth Signal Corps Procurement District here.

In a report covering 333 men, 167 officers and enlisted men are listed as college graduates with the number of degrees they possess totaling 241. Heading the list are LL.B.s and B.A.s, with 62 each; Bachelor of Science degrees follow with 56, and B.B.A.s are next with 23. Graduates of Electrical Engineering total 10, while LL.M.s are seven; M.A.s, six; LL.D.s, four, and M.S. degrees, two. Also there is one M.B.A. and one D.Sc. In addition to those holding degrees, some 110 have attended college for a year or more.





—Signal Corps Photo

BY PONY EXPRESS comes mail to men of an anti-aircraft crew in Saar Valley near Serrig, Germany. Mailman is T/4 Frank E. Hooker, of Moundsville, W. Va., who is with the 26th Yankee Division.

## Uses Fists And Weapons To Beat Nazis; Awarded Medal Of Honor

WASHINGTON. — 1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd, 23, of Blytheville, Ark., rifle platoon leader of the 319th Regt., 80th Infantry Division, who used his fists as well as his weapons to destroy five German machine guns and kill and wound many Nazis, has been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, the War Department announced Tuesday.

The action occurred near Pompey, France, on Sept. 14, and Lieutenant Lloyd was killed in a subsequent action on Nov. 16.

"Lieutenant Lloyd was assigned the mission of expelling an estimated enemy force of 300 men from a heavily-fortified position," the citation says. "As the attack progressed,

his platoon advanced to within 50 yards of the enemy position where they were caught in a withering machine gun and rifle crossfire which inflicted heavy casualties and momentarily disorganized the platoon. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Lloyd leaped to his feet and led his men on a run into the raking fire, shouting encouragement to them.

"He jumped into the first enemy machine-gun position, knocked out the gunner with his fist, dropped a grenade and jumped out before it exploded. Still shouting encouragement, he went from one machine-gun nest to another, pinning the enemy down with submachine-gun fire until he was within throwing distance, and then destroyed them with hand grenades. He personally destroyed five machine guns and many of the enemy, and by his daring leadership and conspicuous bravery, inspired his men to overrun the enemy positions and accomplish the objective in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds."

In all, more than 100 Germans were killed and 12 enemy guns destroyed.

### Father Receives Medal

Presentation of the medal was made to the father, Edgar B. Lloyd, of Blytheville, yesterday noon in Memphis, Tenn., by Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendahl, Commanding General, 2nd Army.

Lieutenant Lloyd, who was grad-



—Signal Corps Photo

ARMY CAREER of 29 years has made Sgt. William C. Belcher, small-arms instructor in the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., one of the most decorated men in service. In two wars, wounded three times, he wears 10 campaign ribbons and an armful of stripes and hash marks. He has nearly 18 years outside the continental limits of the United States.

uated from the University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, in 1943, received his commission as second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., on Nov. 9, 1943, and went overseas as a platoon leader. He was promoted in the field to first lieutenant last Oct. 29.

## Gen. Rose Shot By Nazi Tankmen After Surrender

WITH THE 1ST U. S. ARMY, in Germany.—Nazi tankmen shot and killed Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, of Denver, Col., commander of the 3rd Armored "Spearhead" Division, as he was in the act of surrendering his gun after being captured south of Paderborn on March 31.

Maj. Robert Ballinger, aide to General Rose, said the general's auto, followed by a command half-track, ran into a German tank column as he was trying to reach a portion of the 3rd Armored task force which had been cut off.

Major Ballinger said they pulled off the road and started through a field trying to escape the Nazi tanks when they ran into a German Tiger tank on the edge of the woods. The general and his aide got out of their car and stood with their hands overhead in surrender.

### Nazi Shouted Order

"The tank commander stuck his head through the turret and started shouting orders at us, but we couldn't understand what he was saying," Major Ballinger said.

"General Rose kept saying over and over, 'I don't understand. I don't understand.' Then we decided the German was telling us to disarm so the general reached down and, taking his holster off over his head, started to toss the gun onto the ground.

"Just then the Nazi opened up with a Schmeisser machine pistol and let the general have it through the head."

### Aide And Driver Escape

The major and the driver jumped into the ditch as did the crewmen from the half-track. All worked their way back to the lines. Later, armored units returned to the spot and found the general's body and command half-track. The car was untouched, indicating the Nazis either were a green crew or had been frightened away before they had time to search it, Major Ballinger said.

General Rose, one of the outstanding tankmen of the war, led the 3rd Armored Division spearhead through France into Belgium and his unit was first to breach the Siegfried Line. It was the first to

## Wounded Joe Enjoys Air Trip From Paris

CAMP CARSON, Colo. — Some of the overseas casualties who have been shuttled from Paris, France, to the General and Convalescent Hospital here, in less than five days, tell interesting stories of their experiences.

Pfc. Manuel A. Rocque of Sebastopol, Calif., said: "We left Paris at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The plane was one of four, each carrying 16 men. At 2 o'clock next morning we reached the Azores, where we had a two-hour layover. While the ship was being refueled Red Cross women came aboard and passed out lunches.

"Every so often the pilot sent back messages telling us where we were, and at what altitude we were flying. An occasional air bump was encountered, but then the plane merely soared to a higher level where there was smoother flying.

"That afternoon at 4 o'clock a thrilling moment was experienced as the rocky coast of Newfoundland appeared. Here we had a five-hour layover. The Red Cross appeared again and gave us the first bottle of beer most of us had had in quite some time.

"The lights of Wilmington, Del., were the first thing we saw in America, and it was really a thrill to see them passing under us."

At New Castle Air Base, Del., the

men were taken into the hospital, and that was the last they saw of the C-54 which had brought them over the Atlantic.

"Some of the fellows were sent out on other planes to different parts of the country," Rocque said. "Four of us were put on another ship next morning for the last leg of the journey to Colorado."

The wounded men spent that night in O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo. Next morning they were put aboard another plane and at 11:30 Monday morning arrived at Peterson Field, Colo., where they were carried into ambulances and brought to the hospital at Camp Carson.



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Found herself getting fatter and  
and fatter,  
She dieted so well, now she looks  
like hell  
And there isn't a place you can  
patter.

In a lonely cell  
Sits Cpl. Narcissus;  
He forgot to sign  
Mr. & Mrs.

Beneath this sad the iceman  
sleeps,  
They brought him here today—  
He lived the life of Riley  
While Riley was away.

Medical Officer: "How's the sergeant this morning?"  
Nurse: "He's recovering. Just now he tried to blow the foam off the medicine."

His wife was a Wave  
And he waved at a Wac;  
The Wac was in front,  
But his Wave was in back.  
Instead of a wave  
From a Wac, it is said,  
What he got was a whack  
From the Wave he had wed.

Many a man has stopped calling  
her "little woman" after one look  
at her in slacks.

Isn't so much the rationing  
Or taxes, or inflation,  
The problem that worries us  
Is how long is the duration.

Some evening gowns are shocking  
because they provide so little  
insulation.

When a gal is the toast of the  
town all GIs want a bite.

Draftee: "Do you think they'll  
send me overseas?"  
Doctor: "Not unless we're  
invaded."

Vital statistics for 1944 indicate  
that some people went stork mad.

A pretty young Wac named  
Brenda,  
Went out in a jeep on a bender;  
After riding for miles  
She lost all her smiles,  
It seems that Brenda was tending.

They should issue girdles for rumors—the way they spread.

## Northington Patients Thrilled By Romberg

NORTHINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ala.—Sigmund Romberg and his 60 concert artists played their way into the hearts of several hundred wounded patients in a two-hour pre-Easter concert.

Litter patients, wheel chair patients and ambulatory patients, from the world's battlefronts, whistled and applauded their approval of renditions by the composer of "The Desert Song," "The Student Prince," "Maytime" and the current Broadway hit "Up In Central Park."

## Needle Pusher Obeys Orders; He 'Shoots' GIs Right In Fox Holes

WITH THE 84TH INF. DIV., in Germany. — The orders were to "shoot every man in the battalion," and the 3rd Battalion Medics of the 333rd Infantry were determined to fulfill their mission.

Company K was along the banks of the Rhine River in direct observation of the enemy. The doughs, hearing of the typhus shots, thought they were safe in their fox hole domains. They hadn't counted on the determined efforts of needle-pusher,

T/3 Louis J. Rutherford, of Fort Smith, Ark.

"It felt like running an infiltration course," exclaimed the 84th medic. "There I was, with a syringe in both hands, ducking behind buildings and crawling along side hedges to keep out of sight on my way to each location."

Not a man was missed. The only casualties were a half dozen sore arms the next day.

## Disobeys Order And Wins Award

WITH THE DIXIE DIVISION, on Morotai.—Medals are not often given for disobeying orders, but S/Sgt. Robert P. Crowder, of Savannah, Ga., was awarded a Bronze Star for disregarding the instructions of his platoon leader. This officer was severely wounded and fell into the line of fire of two enemy machine guns. The lieutenant gallantly ordered Sergeant Crowder not to come to his aid, but Crowder chose to ignore the command.

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## Book Notes

### "Faces In A Dusty Picture"

By Gerald Kersh—McGraw Hill Book Co., Inc., New York—\$2.00

The British Army—like all democratic armies—consists of thousands of individuals welded into one indomitable force. As his tribute to these unknown and unsung soldiers, Gerald Kersh wrote "Faces in a Dusty Picture." He rough-drafted it at night, after "lights out" while on duty in Africa. He knows well from personal experience in desert campaigning the subject he discusses.

The book is a novel, claim the publishers. Actually, it is a series of character sketches whereby the reader delves into each man's heart, mind and background. The fact that they are all members of a war-weary regiment, together in an impossible assignment, serves as a connecting link between the sketches.

General Eagle commands the regiment. His military career has always dominated his life, preventing a happy domestic life. Beneath his traditional British-officer coldness lurks gnawing indecision and concern for his men. A proven good general, he executes his orders brilliantly and successfully.

One by one, the reader comes to know his officers: Pryde with his awful fear of cowardice, Mann to whom war is but another spectacle in the history of mankind, Lieutenant the Lord Hazlett to whom it is something unpleasant, to be dealt with decently and lightheartedly.

The non-coms and enlisted men are there, too, with their feuds and weaknesses, women and hates. Ben Cream is searching for true religion. Madison dreams of his chrysanthemums. Only in death do Doughty and Edgeworth end their fight over a girl.

The author takes the reader along with the regiment over the desert where thirst and heat, flies and bitter fatigue eat into each man's soul. Yet when the battle comes, there is no halting. The men fight and fall, scream and die.

The ex-convict falls on a grenade to save four wounded men. Fatbum dies with a smile, "This is the same as going to sleep." The Lieutenant-Colonel "claps his hand to his stomach as if he had suddenly remembered something . . . Bending forward slowly and inevitably like a broken plant he says . . . 'How bloody stupid! How blasted stupid.' Then he takes a red, wet hand away from his stomach and tries to smooth down his mustache. But he lives long enough to smooth only the right-hand side."

"Faces in a Dusty Picture" is grim. To one who has never experienced desert campaigning, it is as starkly, horribly real as writing can make it.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

(See "Army Quiz," page 8)

1. Flak is a shortening of the German name for an antiaircraft gun—"fliegerabwehrkanone."
2. Worms, scene of the "Diet of Worms," at which princes of the Holy Roman Empire met in 1521 to hear Luther, founder of the Reformation, defend his views.
3. C.
4. 10 officers, 176 enlisted men.
5. King Leopold of Belgium, a prisoner of the Nazis; President Benes, of Czechoslovakia, in Moscow; King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, who delegated his power to his son Prince Umberto, back in Italy; King Peter, of Yugoslavia, in England.
6. Commissioned officers of all ranks who actually command troops, as distinguished from those who serve in an executive capacity, have been authorized to wear a narrow green band beneath their usual shoulder insignia.
7. C.
8. Translated literally "The Twilight of the Gods," it seems a smashing up of the existing order. Wagner used it as the name of one of his frequently-performed grand operas.
9. B.
10. Sgt. Bill Mauldin.



POLKA DOT BEAUTY is Dusty Anderson, another of the curvaceous exponents of flimsy bathing ensembles being featured in Columbia Pictures.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

With a critical housing shortage in BIG SPRING, Tex., 1st Lt. William Stone, of the PT staff, at the airfield there was happy to be able to rent a one-room garage apartment which he made into three rooms. Describing his "close" quarters, the lieutenant says: "My bed rests slantwise across all three rooms so that my feet are in the living room, my body in the bedroom, and I can reach out with one arm, open the refrigerator in the kitchen and pull out a bottle of Dr. Pepper."

The other day, when Sgt. Adrian Anderson, 12th Engineer Group headquarters at FORT LEWIS, Wash., was checking personal equipment he found one GI with a number of items missing. "The misery got 'em," was the explanation offered. "The misery, what's that?" growled the sergeant. "It's the weather here," came the reply. "Things shrink and shrink and then suddenly they just ain't no more."

Two members of Squadron A, at FREDERICK FIELD, Okla., who profess cultural tastes, left addresses like this, when they went off on three-day passes to Oklahoma City: Friday night—The San Francisco ballet; Sunday, the city's art galleries. Sgt. Bill Stanley, who knows GI ways, tossed away the given addresses and put 'em down at the "Cowshed," well-known retreat for Frederick Field men.

Persisting in the assertion that he is one man in the Army who likes Spam, T/4 Raymond Michalek, of Buffalo, operations sergeant for the 84th Medical Battalion, 14TH ARMORED DIVISION of the 7th Army, in Germany complained of the steak served one day recently, and said he would rather have Spam. Mess personnel took him at his word and the next time his company had steak Michalek was served Spam. "Okay," he said. "I like it."

A warm debate developed at MARCH FIELD, Calif., on St. Patrick's Day. S/Sgt. Thomas Mc-

Intire, Cpl. Paul J. McKeever, and Cpl. J. McSally, all true sons of the auld Erin sod, were assigned to spend the day aloft. That was all right, but when they found the B-24 to which they were allotted carried the name "Hymie Garfinkle and Sons," strong objections were raised. "Begorra," said McSally, "think of the mite of trouble I might be a-havin' explainin' such a thing to me grandchildren."

The Germans and the Japs were represented in a recent graduation class at one of the technical schools at LOWRY FIELD, Col., but the Field's military intelligence section gave no hint of any concern over the situation. The "representatives" were 2nd Lts. Lewis German, of Jeannette, Pa., and Leonard A. Japs, of Huntingdon Park, Calif.

Weather played a large part in the marital affairs of M/Sgt. Ralph Bethany, of East Bethany, N. Y., crew chief at ALEXANDRIA FIELD, La. Grounded in New Zealand after a rest leave, he met Miss Mauva Thompson, and was engaged by the time the weather cleared three days later. Five months later, on another leave, he went back to the same town and was married next day.

Buddies of M/Sgt. Reiss and S/Sgt. James Lawler, of BARKSDALE FIELD, La., have wondered why the two wandered off into corners to talk so frequently. The other day one of the friends listened in surreptitiously, and found they were discussing new techniques of diaper-changing. They are both new dads.

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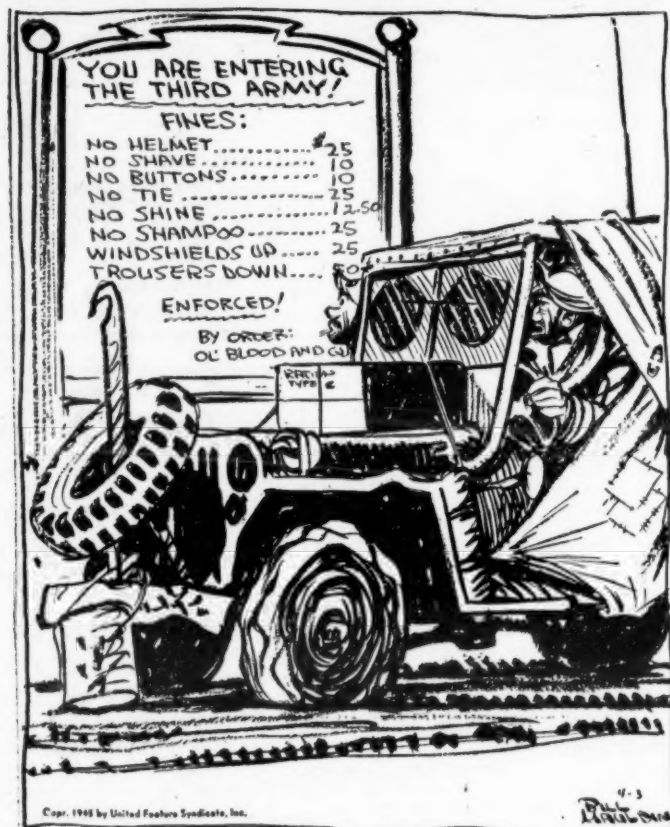
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## AAF Boards To Study Air Progress In All Theaters

WASHINGTON.—Four Air Evaluation Boards to improve the effectiveness of operations in this war and as a guide in future planning have been set up in five major combat theaters by the War Department under a plan initiated by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces.

General officers have been assigned to direct each of the four Boards in the five theaters as follows: Southwest Pacific, Maj. Gen. Wil-

lam E. Lynd; the China and the India-Burma Theaters, Brig. Gen. Shepler W. Fitzgerald; Central Pacific, Brig. Gen. Martin F. Scanlon, and European, Maj. Gen. Jacob E. Pickel.

Maj. Gen. John F. Curry headed an Air Evaluation Board in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, which has completed its work. Working with the officers assigned to these Boards will be a number of civilian operations analysts who will evaluate many phases of AAF tactics, planning and operations.

The merits of the past use of airpower, the potential value of radical departures from established and conventional usage of air, and the effectiveness of enemy air action all will be subjects for study.

The Boards were authorized last July after General Arnold returned from Europe. Civilians who will work with the Southwest Pacific Board are now taking a two weeks' indoctrination course of Army Air Force activities at the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Fla.

## Promotions For 25 Generals And 55 Colonels Sent Senate By FDR

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ough, N. H.; Frank A. Heileman, St. Louis; Hobart R. Gay, Rockport, Ill.; Walter F. Kraus, Glen Ridge, N. J.; Charles A. Willoughby, Bronxville, N. Y.; Albert C. Smith, West Point, N. Y.

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James E. Moore, New Bedford, Mass.; Howard M. Turner, Avoca, Ia.; Floyd L. Parks, Greenville, S. C.; William C. Chase, Providence, R. I.; Francis H. Lanahan, Jr.,

Trenton, N. J., and Frank L. Cul-

len, Tucson, Ariz.

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The 55 colonels nominated to be

brigadier generals are:

Joseph M. Tully, Northfield, Vt.; Homer W. Kiefer, Niles, O.; Morris R. Nelson, Corydon, Ia.; W. Lee Hart, York, S. C.; John H. Stokes, Freehold, N. J.; Thomas B. McDonald, Cumberland, Md.; Ray L. Burnell, Westbrook, Me.; John M. Willems, Bowling Green, Ky.; Andrew C. Tychsen, St. Paul, Minn.; Wentworth Goss, Los Angeles; Charles E. Dissinger, Fort Riley, Kan.; Mark McClure, West Point, N. Y.

James W. Younger, Canyon, Tex.; John M. Weikert, West Point, N. Y.;

Frederic W. Boye, Fort Bliss, Tex.; Richard C. Partridge, Cambridge, Mass.; William C. McMahon, Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles L. Dasher, Fort Hoyle, Md.; Patrick H. Timothy, Nashville, Tenn.; Ivan L. Farman, Los Angeles.

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met, Mass. James F. Powell, Hampton, Va.; Ira P. Swift, Bon Secour, Ala.; Emerick Kutschko, Chicago; George Callender, Everett, Mass.; Lemuel Mathewson, Bath, N. Y.; Robert H. Soule, Laramie, Wyo.; Charles H. Karlstad, Castlewitz, S. D.; Chaplain Luther D. Miller, Canton, O.

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## \$20,000 Reward Offered By Yank For Gen. Roatta

ROME. — A reward of \$20,000 (2,000,000 lire) has been offered for the capture of Gen. Mario Roatta, escaped war criminal, by Sgt. Stuart W. Mathes, an American soldier. Sergeant Mathes made the offer in a letter to the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes, "in memory of nearly 20,000 American soldiers who have been killed in the Italian campaign."

## Discharges

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could be found for them, they also would be sent home.

"Sooner or later the point system would catch up with them," the War Department spokesman said.

Most Air Force and service troops, it was explained, probably will go directly to the Pacific, while a large part of the ground troops will be withheld for rest and training in the technique of fighting the Japs.

Cards on which men will list their children and service records already have been sent out to the theaters and it was announced recently that theater commanders soon will be sent detailed information on the operation of the point system so that they can set up their organizations.

## Manpower

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the President's wishes. The Senate divorced the Federal Reserve Agencies from the Department of Commerce before it would confirm Henry Wallace as secretary and turned down flat the nomination of Aubrey Williams as Rural Electrification Administrator.

Vote in the Senate on the manpower bill was along strictly non-partisan lines with 21 Democrats, 24 Republicans and 1 Progressive combining to defeat the measure. Eleven Republicans and Democrats supported the bill.

## Yanks Trap Nazi Armies

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east of the Ruhr, is closing on the Weiser, one of the two major water barriers to Berlin, some 170 miles west of the German capital.

Reds Attacking Vienna

On the Eastern front the 2nd and 3rd Ukrainian armies have been working toward Vienna in a huge pincers movement. Some units of the 2nd army are now within six miles of the Austrian capital. The great Messerschmitt plane-making center, Wiener Neustadt, 22 miles south of Vienna, was captured on Tuesday. The Red armies announced the capture of 75,150 prisoners in three days.

Russian armies on the Baltic took Danzig, capturing 10,000 prisoners, plus 39,000 killed in the city's defense.

In Italy it becomes evident that the Germans plan to stand and fight, no matter what may happen in Germany. The stalemate existing for some weeks was broken on Tuesday when the British 8th Army drove up some eight miles along

the Adriatic coast, outflanking the German lines in that area.

In the Pacific the "largest invasion fleet yet employed" in that ocean carried and supported the Yank 10th Army in an invasion of Okinawa Island, in the Ryukyu group, whose airfields and harbors are only 325 miles south of the Japanese homeland. Little resistance was met, and the forces under Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner have bisected the island, taking possession of three airfields. Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, commanding the 24th Corps, reports: "The invasion is going better than our wildest dreams."

In the Philippines Yank troops landed on Negros and Cebu islands, overwhelmed Japanese opposition and made contact with Filipino guerrillas. With the earlier landing on Panay the actions are liberating all the Central Philippines.

Reports from Central Burma note that the campaign there is virtually over, with the Jap forces, which numbered 30,000 a month ago, either dead or fleeing in disorganized bands.

## Divisions In Action

GERMANY.—At the Weser, the 9th Army is fighting inside rail yards at Hamm and is menacing Hanover, while on the northern side of the Ruhr General Simpson's engineers and four of his divisions are ploughing through a mass of pocketed Nazis, according to Thursday reports.

From the south and southeast of the Ruhr, the 1st Army had tightened its hold by capturing Siegen and advanced three miles to the north of Klafeld, and another link of the 1st and 9th Armies was made southeast of Lippstadt, on the eastern side of the Ruhr pocket.

The American 3rd Army has captured Kassel, Gotha and Suhl, with their combined populations of approximately 281,000. The 7th Army took Wuerzburg and the traffic center of Heilbronn (combined populations of 169,000), and moved to within 24 miles of Nuernberg, a city of 431,000.

Divisions In Action

Eighty-third Infantry: Inside Hamm and southeast of Muenster. Second Armored: Thrust past Bielefeld, menacing Hanover.

Fourth Infantry: Menaced Nuernberg.

Fifth Armored: Reached Weser river.

Sixth Armored: Advanced northwest of Eisenach.

Ninth Infantry: Compressed Ruhr trap.

Tenth Armored: Fought along

Neckar River.

Eleventh Armored: Advanced on 3rd Army front.

Twelfth Armored: Menaced Nuernberg.

Seventeenth Airborne: Mopped up Muenster.

Forty-second Infantry: Drove to heart of Wuerzburg.

Forty-fifth Infantry: Advanced beyond captured Aschaffenburg.

Sixty-fifth Infantry: Advanced northwest of Eisenach.

Seventy-fifth Infantry: Advanced in Muenster area.

One Hundredth Infantry: Fought along Neckar River.



—Signal Corps Photo

90TH DIVISION GI gets a thrill as he maneuvers close to a lovely blonde featured singer of a USO show playing at a rest camp in France.